

January 20, 1956

Honorable J. Addington Wagner
National Commander
The American Legion NATIONAL
American Legion National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Wagner:

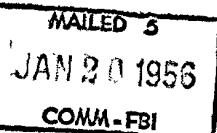
I wish to take this opportunity to extend most hearty congratulations on your birthday January 22, 1956. I am well aware of the personal time you have sacrificed during the past Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons in order to handle the heavy responsibilities of your office. We, in the FBI, hope that you will be able to enjoy your birthday in complete rest with your family.

I have enjoyed reading the press accounts of your hard-hitting speeches throughout the country. There is no doubt but what the forces of subversion have suffered considerably as a result of your efforts.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



cc - Mr. Jones

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

January 30, 1956

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Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____
D. A. Wagner

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It was most thoughtful of you to write me on the occasion of my birthday, and I appreciate it very much.

I also appreciate your thoughtful comments concerning my speeches throughout the country. It is indeed heartening to receive letters such as yours stating approbation of my efforts.

With kindest personal regards and cordial best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Addington Wagner
J. ADDINGTON WAGNER *Ind.*
National Commander

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 1-10-56

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A157- Congressman Fjare, (R) Montana, extended his remarks to
A159 include an address by National Commander J. Addington
Wagner, of the American Legion. References to the FBI
were set forth in a detailed memorandum prepared earlier
this date.

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February 14, 1956

Mr. Lee H. Pennington
Assistant Director
National American Legion
The American Legion
1600 G Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Lee:

Your letter of February 9, 1956, has been received, and it is a pleasure to make arrangements for the group from The American Legion's 1956 Boys' Nation to tour Bureau Headquarters on July 25, 1956. Since our tours regularly start at 9:30 a.m., it is hoped you will be able to have the party arrive at the Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, entrance of the Department of Justice Building at that time on July 25.

Inspector C. D. DeLoach advises me that he will be happy to speak to the group on this occasion. Please feel free to contact him directly in the event of any change in your plans.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover
cc - Tour Room, with copy of incoming
cc - C. D. DeLoach, with copy of incoming
cc - E. C. Kemper, with copy of incoming

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NOTE: Arrangements are being made by the Crime Records Section to secure Classroom #1 for Mr. DeLoach to address the group. It is recalled that in 1955 there were approximately 96 boys in the group and they were addressed by Inspector DeLoach before their tour of Bureau Headquarters.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

1608 K STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

February 9, 1956

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mason
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Nease
Mr. Winterrowd
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are preparing the tentative program for The American Legion's 1956 Boys' Nation, the sessions of which will be held on the campus of the University of Maryland on July 20-27, inclusive.

In our tentative schedule, we have set Wednesday, July 25 as the date on which we would like to have the boys tour the Federal Bureau of Investigation and be briefed by Inspector DeLoach on our cooperative program.

If it meets with your approval, we would like to begin the tour at 9:00 a.m. on the aforementioned date.

Sincerely yours,

Lee *D.C.*
LEE E. PENNINGTON,
Assistant Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 1-13-56.

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Senator Purtell, (R) Connecticut, extended his remarks to include an address delivered by J. Addington Fagner, national commander of the American Legion, explaining the American Legion's stand on UNESCO. Mr. Fagner stated "The list of authors of UNESCO publications who have been identified with organizations listed as subversive by the Attorney General or the House Un-American Activities Committee is too long to read tonight."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 1/23/56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: HUGH W. OVERTON
National Executive Committeeman - Alabama
The American Legion - National*D.C.*

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The captioned individual has been extremely cooperative in Legion work during the past two years. He is influential in Southern politics and is one of the "kingmakers" of the Legion. In 1955, he was responsible for the Alabama delegation of the Legion sponsoring one of the seven resolutions commending the Director and the FBI on the floor of the National Convention.

Overton was in Washington, 1/20/56. He stayed at DeLoach's home. He called Friday morning, 1/20/56, and asked DeLoach to join him in Senator John Sparkman's Office (D-Ala.). Upon meeting him there, he introduced Senator Sparkman. Overton praised the Director and the FBI in Sparkman's presence and stated that he was hopeful that the Senator would not hesitate to assist the FBI in any manner possible. The Senator assured Overton that he felt most close to the FBI. He extended congratulations on the Brink's case.

D.C.

Overton next introduced Senator Lister Hill (D-Ala.). After the usual preliminaries, Senator Hill stated that as a Southerner he certainly regretted the unfair accusations of Congressman Lanham (D-Ga.) which were recently made against the FBI over civil rights matters. He stated he personally knew that the FBI entered these cases because we were sworn to uphold the law, and frankly, like "good soldiers," we waded in and ascertained the facts.

Congressman George Huddleston (D-Ala.) (former U. S. Attorney - Birmingham, Ala.) and Bob Jones were next met. Overton told these gentlemen of his high regard for the FBI. Congressman Charlie Bennett (D-Fla.), formerly of the Legion's Legislative Committee, had previously invited Overton to his office. We know Bennett. He has been friendly and was complimentary as usual during this visit.

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cc - Mr. Holloman
Mr. Jones

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols 1/23/56
RE: HUGH W. OVERTON, National Executive Committeeman - Alabama
The American Legion

The majority of the above-mentioned Congressional representatives were, of course, on their good behavior because of Overton's presence. The esteem in which they hold him was quite obvious. Afterwards, DeLoach took Overton to lunch and, of course, thanked him for his continued interest in the FBI.

It would be appreciated if the Director would consider briefly shaking hands with Overton when he returns to Washington for the Legion's Rehabilitation Conference in May, 1956 (no definite date as yet), providing, of course, the Director's commitments permit.

ACTION:

For information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 3-9-56

FROM : J.P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Pages A2179-
A2182 Congressman Gross, (R) Iowa, commented on the testimony of
J. Addington Wagner, national commander of the American
Legion, before a subcommittee— International Organizations
and Movements— of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
Mr. Gross stated that "In appearing before the subcommittee,
Commander Wagner was carrying out the mandate of the October
1955 national convention of the Legion in regard to the
United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural
Organization (UNESCO) and the United States National Com-
mission for UNESCO." Congressman Gross pointed out that
the American Legion has been criticized for its stand in
opposition to UNESCO. Mr. Gross stated that Commander
Wagner offered an "excellent summary of the reasons for
the Legion's condemnation of UNESCO, and I for one commend
this great veterans' organization for its stand." Mr. Gross
requested that the statement made by Commander Wagner be
inserted in the Record. Mr. Wagner's statement contained
references to certain organizations listed on the Attorney
General's subversive list, and have been noted for your
attention.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 3-20-56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR 3500 COPIES OF REPRINT
 "THE COMMUNISTS ARE AFTER OUR MINDS"
 THE AMERICAN LEGION

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 Wayne Murphy, Assistant Director, Americanism Commission, American Legion National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana, telephonically contacted DeLoach 3-19-56 and stated that several Legion departments throughout the country had requested additional copies of the article "The Communists Are After Our Minds." Wayne stated that actually he had approximately 3000 requests for this reprint and would appreciate it very much if we could forward him approximately 3500 at this time. He was advised that we would take his request under consideration and would be in touch with him in the near future.

American Legion National Headquarters has made excellent usage of this article by disseminating it to the various state Legion offices throughout the country. The repeated requests definitely attest to the popularity of the article. It is, therefore, recommended that we honor his request and send him 3500. We have approximately 400 on hand at the present time.

ACTION:

As indicated above.

V. J. Jr.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓*sent to*

DATE: 4-9-56

FROM : L. B. Nichols ✓*pp*

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR TO SPEAK AT BANQUET
 5-2-56, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
AMERICAN LEGION, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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D.C. *Request for Director to speak at 5-2-56*
 Billy Hauck, Assistant National Adjutant, The American Legion, called DeLoach 4-9-56 and advised that National Commander Wagner had telephonically contacted him and instructed that the Director be informally contacted regarding the possibilities of speaking before the National Executive Committee of the American Legion at the Indianapolis Athletic Club, 5-2-56 at 7:00 p.m. This is to be an informal banquet. The Director, if he should accept, would be the principal speaker. *Indianapolis, Indiana*

Hauck was advised that this was something the Director would certainly like to do but that of late, he had been denied fulfilling engagements and accepting invitations despite his great desire to do things of this nature for close friends. Hauck was told that the Director's schedule was simply unbearable and his travel status was most uncertain in view of all these obstacles it would simply be impossible to indicate acceptance. Hauck stated he understood and he felt sure the National Commander would understand.

ACTION: For record purposes. I see no need of a note to Wagner inasmuch as he contacted us in an informal manner.

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cc - Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: April 12, 1956

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT:

Former Inspector Lee R. Pennington called on Tuesday and requested 5,000 copies of the reprint of the Director's article entitled "Red Infiltration of Labor Unions." He requested that they be sent to Wayne Murphy, The American Legion, 700 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. **NATIONAL**

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cc - Mr. Heim

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Office Memorandum . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *per 102*

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

DATE: 4-30-56

SUBJECT: NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
 THE AMERICAN LEGION *National*
 MEETINGS APRIL 30 - MAY 1, 1956
 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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By letter dated April 26, 1956, James F. Daniel, Jr., of South Carolina, Chairman, National Americanism Commission, wrote the Director requesting that DeLoach be permitted to attend meetings of the captioned group beginning April 30 through May 1, 1956. He apologized for not making this request sooner.

This is, of course, rather short notice. However, the Americanism Commission meetings are for the purpose of forming resolutions for the coming national convention in Los Angeles. Many matters of Internal Security importance will be discussed at the Americanism Commission meetings. Due to the importance of these meetings to the FBI, I think we should definitely have DeLoach attend as requested, and I have instructed him to plan the departure Monday at noon to attend the meetings in question. We regret very much the fact that notice was so short, but it is felt that these meetings will be of some importance to the Bureau and that DeLoach should be there.

ACTION:

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CC: Mr. Jones
Mr. Mohr

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May 3, 1956

Mr. James F. Daniel
Chairman, National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
Box 456
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Daniel:

I wish to express my sincere appreciation, and that
of Inspector C. D. DeLoach, for your kind invitation for Mr. DeLoach
to attend the meetings of the National Americanism Commission,
The American Legion, in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 30 through
May 1, 1956.

I have been informed that the Americanism Commission considered several internal security matters of a most important nature, and that all members exhibited a keen interest in the activities of the FBI in this field.

We feel that the FBI was privileged in having the opportunity of attending these meetings. As in the past, we look forward to continued splendid cooperation between our organization and the American Legion.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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CC - Mr. Jones

Cover memo from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated 5-2-56

AMERICAN LEG
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMM.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

P. O. Box 456
Greenville, South Carolina

April 26, 1956

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mason
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Nease
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The National Americanism Commission will meet at Indianapolis April 30 - May 1, and I hope very much that Inspector C. D. DeLoach will be permitted to attend.

Mr. DeLoach's assistance has been most helpful to us in the past, and I know our members will welcome the privilege of having him with us again.

My failure to make this request earlier is because I have been out of town for the past several days.

Sincerely,

James F. Daniel Jr.
JAMES F. DANIEL, JR., Chairman
National Americanism Commission

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Acknowledged
Substantially - no
further action
J. S. B. M. P.
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• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: SPEECHES - J. ADDINGTON WAGNER,
NATIONAL COMMANDER, THE AMERICAN LEGION - National

DATE: May 4, 1956

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The Director of Public Relations of the American Legion keeps a chart on the number of clippings received and the number of states which carried press accounts of each individual speech made by National Commander J. Addington Wagner. As a matter of interest, George Kelly, Director of Public Relations, has forwarded a copy of this chart to DeLoach for purposes of information. It is interesting to note that the Fund for the Republic and particularly, Commander Wagner's statement following the denunciation of the Fund by Henry Ford, III, was received widely by the press. The chart in question is attached.

We have met on one occasion with George Kelly concerning Wagner's schedule to speak before the National Academy on June 8, 1956. His speech will concern international relations and should be of some press interest. We, of course, will receive advance copies of this speech.

ACTION: For information.

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cc - Mr. Jones

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J U S T I C E

Those who served in Korea should have a particular interest in the case of individuals who although U. S. citizens are alleged to have given aid and comfort to our Communist enemies during that conflict.

Attorney General HERBERT BROWNELL, JR., announced on April 25, 1956 that a San Francisco Federal Grand Jury had indicted JOHN WILLIAM POWELL, his wife SYLVIA CAMPBELL POWELL, and JULIAN SCHUMAN on charges of violating the wartime sedition statute.

All are American citizens and both men presently are engaged in writing and lecturing. The POWELLS have resided in San Francisco since their return from Red China in 1953, while SCHUMAN is residing in New York.

The indictment returned by the Grand Jury is in 13 counts, the first of which charges the three defendants with having conspired to violate the wartime sedition statute through the medium of the now defunct publication, "China Monthly Review", published by POWELL in Shanghai. MRS. POWELL, during the period covered by the indictment, was a contributing editor and later associate editor, while SCHUMAN was an associate editor during the period.

In connection with the charges, the Grand Jury said that while the United States was at war with the forces of the North Korean Communists and the Chinese Communists, the POWELLS and SCHUMAN conspired to circulate the "China Monthly Review" with intent to interfere with the operation and success of the military and naval forces of the United States and to promote the success of its enemies.

The other 12 counts, naming only POWELL, charged that he, as owner and editor of the "China Monthly Review", had conveyed false statements concerning the conduct of the war in Korea, was well as having used the "China Monthly Review" with the intent to cause disunity in the Armed Forces in the United States and to interfere with enlistment and recruitment.

POWELL was born July 3, 1919, in Shanghai. He attended the University of Missouri, 1938-1940, 1941-42. He was employed by the Office of War Information as a field representative in China from 1942 to 1945, when he returned to the United States. He went back to China JUN 12 1956 in 1946 and stayed until 1953. MRS. POWELL, whom he married December 27, 1947, in China, had gone there in 1946 as an employee of United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. She was born November 15, 1920, in Pendleton Oregon.

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SCHUMAN was born May 19, 1920 in Boston. He went to Shanghai in 1947, remaining until his return to the United States December 27, 1953.

A limited number of copies of the indictment against these individuals together with copies of JOHN WILLIAM POWELL'S testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1954 are available. Both may be obtained from the Firing Line, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Indiana. Please enclose 50 cents to cover the cost of handling and mailing.

WHY TURNCOAT POW'S

Speaking in the Biltmore Hotel in New York City before the Wings Club on May 1, 1956 MAJOR WILLIAM E. MAYER, U. S. Army psychiatrist stated flatly: Our prisoners in Korea were "the most passive, submissive, helpless" Americans ever captured.

MAJ. MAYER'S conclusion, based on nearly 1,000 interviews with returned prisoners, is that the Americans who broke did so because they had no adequate set of moral values of personal standards to withstand their captors.

Through psychological means that were "neither new nor irresistible," MAJ. MAYER said, the Chinese were able to extract from American prisoners "simply astounding amounts of military intelligence" and "tons of anti-American propaganda." This was accomplished, he said, by isolating the prisoners emotionally through a system of mass indoctrination that had four major phases:

The segregation of leaders into camps for "reactionaries."

Setting up "very successfully" a system of informers among Americans that ultimately led to the PW's distrusting everybody and adopting a philosophy that survival was a matter of "dog eat dog."

Brainwashing classes that were not so much a matter of trying to sell Communism as to undermine American values. Instructors used the works of such authors as ERNEST HEMINGWAY, JOHN DOS PASSOS and JOHN STEINBECK-- "anyone who raised his voice against social injustice" -- to drive home their points.

A system of isolating prisoners from their families and country. For example, "Dear John" letters, divorce papers and dunning letters from loan companies arrived promptly in PW camps. Family letters did not.

As a defense against brainwashing, MAJ. MAYER stressed the need for teaching faith and courage in homes, schools and churches. (See "New York World Telegram and Sun", 5/2/56, page 3).

SUPPORT OF COMMUNISM IN THE FIELD OF MUSIC

In July of 1946 a "cultural" congress was held in Moscow. NORMAN CORWIN, writer and radio commentator, was the "honored guest."

He presented the Moscow International Convention with two recordings from the American-Soviet Music Society. Following this convention in Moscow renewed activity in the recording field for Communist causes and objectives became apparent.

A few of the fronts which resulted are as follows: Stage For Action, Young People's Records, New Theatre, Trade Union Theatre, People's Artists, Cultural Folk Dance Group, Theodore Dreiser Work Shop, Modern Culture Club, Carver Cultural Council, Cultural Council, Dramatic Work Shop, Contemporary Theatre, Provisional Committee for Democracy in Radio, International Programs, Jefferson Chorus, Philadelphia Stage For Action, California Stage for Action, Contemporary Writers, People's Orchestra, People's Chorus, Book Find Club, Challenge Records, Charter Records, Freiheit, Gesang Sarein, People's Artists, Inc., Committee for the Defense of Education, Keynote Recordings, Inc., People's Radio Foundation, and the American-Russian Music Corporation, People's Songs. (See HUAC, California Report, 1948, page 392).

Currently on sale at Communist bookshops is a publication entitled "Sing Out" which is published by People's Artists, Inc. of 124 West 21st Street, New York 11, New York.

This volume lists IRWIN SILBER as editor and AL MOSS, BETTY SANDERS, PETE SEEGER and JERRY SILVERMAN as staff members. Contributors to Vol. 6, No. 1, 1956 were listed as LEON BIBB, HOWARD FAST, SIDNEY FINKELSTEIN, WALDEMAR HILLE, JIM HUTCHINSON, ERNIE LIEBERMAN, ALAN LOMAX, WALTER LOWENFELS, PAUL ROBESON, EARL ROBINSON, RUTH RUBIN and AL WOOD. (See "Sing Out", Vol. 6, No. 1, 1956, inside front cover).

Listed among those who sent their greetings to People's Artists on the occasion of its fifth anniversary were APPLETON, CLYDE R.; ARKIN, DAVID; ATINSKY, JERRY; BADEAUX, ED; BECKER, DOROTHY BALDWIN; BERLOW, HARRY; BERLOW, KITTY; BERNARDI, HESH; BYRON, BARBARA DANE; CARAWAN, GUY; CARAWAN, NOEL; CASCONE, JUANITA; DAVIS, OSSIE; DAVIS, RUBY; DE CARMIER, BOB; DE CARMIER, LOUISE; DWORKIN, MIRIAM; EISENBERG, SHELLY; FOLKWAY RECORDS; FOLK SINGERS OF OBERLIN; GOULD, TANGA; HART, JEAN L.; HILLE, WALDEMAR; HOVEY, ESTHER; HOVEY, SERGE; ILCHUCK, FRANK; ILCHUCK, GRACE; KAHN, SYLVIA; KANFMAN, RUTH; KNIGHT, ELIZABETH; KOLB, JACK; KOLB, SYLVIA; LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE and LAWTHER, RAY.

Others included: LEIGHTON, MARION; LIEBERMAN, ANNIE; LIEBERMAN, ERNIE; LEV, RAY; LORING, JUNE; LORING, MICHAEL; LOROTHER, RAY; MENENDEZ, NICKY; MENENDEZ, NINA; MENENDEZ, PAUL; MORGAN, ANNA H.; OLIVER, BILL; ONE WORLD BOOKSHOP (CLEVELAND); PARTLOW, VERNE; PASMAN, ISOBEL; REYNOLDS, BERTHA C.; RICHARDSON, JOHNNY; ROGERS, A.; RUBIN, RUTH; SCHLAMME, MARTHA; SCHWARTZ, TEDDY; SHAPIRO, VIC; SEGAL, EDITH; SEEGER, PETER; SONGMAKERS WORKSHOP OF LOS ANGELES; SULLIVAN ELLIOT; TORONTO JEWISH FOLK CHOIR; VANCOUVER FOLK SINGERS; VINCENT, JENNY WELLS; WALLACH, ROSE; WALTON, JEANNE; WOLFE, ROBERT and WOLFF, BILL.

Songs and articles in the song book included:

- "Two Negro Folksongs From The Georgia Sea Islands", by PETE SEEGER.
- "Mark Warshawsky's Songs Mirrored Jewish Life", by RUTH RUBIN.
- "Black and White", a song - words by ALAN ROBERTS, music by EARL ROBINSON.
- "Hunting The Wren Songs In The United States", by LEWIS L. BARNES.
- "A Death Song Comes To Life", by ERIC WINTER.
- "A Death Song", words by WILLIAM MORRIS, music by MALCOLM LAWSON.

"Side by Side", a song - words by LEE HAYS, music by EARL ROBINSON.
"Manuel de Gerrit", a song - words by ALAN ROBERTS, music by BILL OLIVER.
"Carnegie Hall Rocks As The Weavers Return", by IRWIN SILBER.
"Kisses Sweeter Than Wine", a song - words by PAUL CAMPBELL, music by
JOEL NEWMAN.
"Joe Hill Anniversary Widely Marked", by ALEXANDER WALGREEN.
(See "Sing Out", Vol. 6, No. 1, 1956, pages 3-46).

Patriotic Legionnaires may wish to refer to this list the next time they purchase records at their local music shops.

WARNING TO LEGIONNAIRES

The Soviet Union and its satellites are making a rich haul of American dollars as a by product of their "return-to-the-homeland" crusade. Communists have been bombarding selected Americans with letters from home and Communist newspapers. They urge refugees to return and others to send parcels to friends and relatives in the old country. Communist embassies and legations in this country are said to have authorized agencies here to sell parcels and collect customs duties in advance.

DR. LASZIO ACSAY, executive director of the Hungarian National Council, said recently that the Communists were "milking" kind-hearted Americans by overcharging on the items contained in the parcels and by adding heavy customs duties.

According to DR. ACSAY, two pounds of coffee, two pounds of sugar and a pound of cocoa, which would cost a maximum of \$3 here, come to \$15 when purchased as a package to be shipped to Hungary. Three pairs of nylons, available here for \$2, cost \$8 when contained in a bundle-for-Hungary, he said.

DR. ACSAY added that the duty on new clothing was \$1 a pound and on used clothing 50 cents a pound.

An official of the Lithuanian-American Information Center said the Communists had hit on a "gold mind" in the parcel campaign. There are 120,000 Americans of Lithuanian descent in New York alone. Among them is a widespread feeling of sympathy for the people in the old country, who have been living for years under an occupation by a foreign power.

The Lithuanian-Americans, it was said, know they are being taken in but do not know what to do about it. They want to help their friends and relatives who are suffering privation.

All Legionnaires should be on the alert for reports of such activity in their own local community.

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L. B. Nichols
Room 5640, Ext. 691

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 2, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
 THE AMERICAN LEGION
 APRIL 30 - MAY 1, 1956
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Captioned group met in executive session April 30th - May 1st, 1956. DeLoach invited in capacity of consultant. Meetings were ~~for~~ long, the first day lasting until 12:15 a.m., and of importance from an internal security standpoint.

The National Commander and the Commission discussed the possibilities of issuing a broad declaration of policy re necessity for continuation of a strong security program. It was brought out that the theory of co-existence, as introduced by the Geneva conference, coupled with the peaceful overtures of the 20th Communist Party Congress and the repudiation of Stalin, might well lull the American public into a false sense of security insofar as the insidiousness of communism is concerned. The Legion felt that a strong declaration of policy calling for alertness would be in order at this time. The National Commander will issue this statement within the next several days.

The ridiculous remarks of Federal Judge William D. Murray, Butte, Montana, in criticizing the FBI and its Director for issuing a press release upon the arrest of Communist Party Organizer John Cyril Hellman, April 4, 1956, were discussed. The Legion believed that if Judge Murray's remarks were accepted by investigative agencies, we would then have suppression of the news in the United States, and the FBI and other law enforcement agencies, would be placed in the position of making secret arrests. The Legion believed such deplorable tactics would inevitably lead to a police state agency. A strong resolution was passed condemning Judge Murray and praising the FBI for its excellent work in keeping the general public advised of arrests. This resolution will be read before the national convention in Los Angeles in September, 1956, and undoubtedly will be the subject of much embarrassment to Judge Murray, particularly inasmuch as considerable publicity will be given to a resolution

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cc - Mr. Jones

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which directly concerns a member of the judiciary in a neighboring state.

The Legion discussed the actions of the U.S. Supreme Court in the Steve Nelson case of the State of Pennsylvania. This is the case in which the court decided that forty-two states, the territories of Hawaii and Alaska, had no jurisdiction in matters pertaining to sedition. The court pointed out that Federal jurisdiction superseded the authority of the various states in such matters. The Legion passed a resolution that state sovereignty in sedition matters be protected. The Legion did not call for enactment of legislation pertaining to registration of communists, or involving additional aspects of subversion, but limited remarks to sedition alone. The point was brought up that perhaps the court erred when it quoted from remarks made by the Director of the FBI in a speech during the early war years that, "internal security matters should not be left to amateurs, but should be handled by law enforcement officers and the FBI, who were thoroughly experienced." The Legion's point being that the court, in making this statement, placed the Director of the FBI in the position of criticizing state authorities and intimating that all matters of internal security should be left to the FBI alone. The Legion felt that the Director had no such intention in making these remarks, that the Director aimed his remarks at so-called Vigilante groups and inexperienced individuals who had no official status or experience with law enforcement. There was left no doubt as to the specific intent of the Director's position. The FBI is not mentioned in the Legion's resolution concerning the Steve Nelson case or aspects concerning state sovereignty.

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The forthcoming book, "The History of the FBI" was mentioned in confidence to several Legion leaders. They feel that this publication should be placed on the "suggested list of good reading" for all Legionnaires and that publicity should be given this book at the forthcoming convention in September, 1956, providing, of course, an announcement has been made by the time of the convention concerning the book.

CONCLUSIONS:

The meeting was well worth attending. There is no doubt as to the FBI's prestige in the ranks of the American Legion.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Letters of appreciation to James F. Daniel, Greenville, S. C., Chairman, National Americanism Commission, who invited DeLoach, and to

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

Americanism member [redacted], who showed enthusiastic interest in and assisted in writing a resolution commending the FBI for its policies in keeping the public informed as to arrests (resolution condemning Judge Murray - this not mentioned in letter). Files reflect no derogatory information re Daniels and Strother. Suggested letters attached.

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Office Memo.....m • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 4, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ANNUAL AMERICANISM AWARD

~~The American Legion Convention in Miami, Florida, passed a resolution commanding Fulton Lewis, George Sokolsky, Earl Godwin, Paul Harvey, Constantine Brown and Vic Riesel because of their courageous fight against communism in all their writings and radio commentaries. The resolution originally contained only the name of Constantine Brown. This was changed when 5 members of the Americanism Commission were appointed to compose a subcommittee and rewrite several resolutions which had been suggested for changes. The names of Riesel, et al, were then added.~~

George Kelly, Director of Public Relations, The American Legion, has forwarded DeLoach a copy of Vic Riesel's response to the award, which was given to him on 4-24-56 at the New York Department of the American Legion dinner at the Commodore Hotel in New York City. Riesel, of course, was not there, but his response was dictated from his hospital bed and read to approximately [redacted] Legionnaires who attended the dinner. George Sokolsky attended in person and afterwards delivered a short talk. Ad Wagner, the National Commander, and George Kelly felt that the Director might be interested in Riesel's response to the award. The statement is attached accordingly to this memo. The Legion was particularly interested in the statements of Riesel "A heart attack couldn't stop George Sokolsky. Acid in the eyes won't stop me."

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TEXT OF RESPONSE OF VICTOR RIESEL
DICTATED FROM HIS HOSPITAL BED ON
BEING AWARDED THE AMERICAN LEGION'S
ANNUAL AMERICANISM AWARD. READ BY
CHARLES B. MCCABE, PUBLISHER OF THE
NEW YORK DAILY MIRROR, AT THE NEW
YORK DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DINNER, TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1956.

I wish I could be with you tonight. I wish that I could accept your award in person and tell you face-to-face what a great honor it is. I am more than grateful and more than proud. I am moved as I have rarely been in my life by the fact that your great organization has seen fit to offer me this recognition. And I am happy, too, that you are honoring my good friend, George Sokolsky, truly one of our great Americans.

I like to think that your award is being presented to me tonight for more than just my fight against Communism in all its ugly ramifications. I hope that part of your reason for singling me out was to dramatize the fight against another kind of subversion and immorality -- the far-flung, heavily financed, often politically protected activities of the mobs.

For these are the twin evils of a free nation -- the underground and the underworld. Motivated by their common belief that the end justifies the means -- moving toward hidden control of important segments of our community -- defiant of law and order and established rules of justice -- the crooks and the Communists, working together, are essential elements of the whole specter of subversion that menaces the very roots of freedom and decency.

A heart attack couldn't stop George Sokolsky. Acid in the eyes won't stop me. And as we continue our fight for genuine freedom, we both, I know, will be fortified by the support and encouragement we have gotten from many areas of community life -- but especially from The American Legion. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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OFFICE OF THE
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P. O. Box 456
Greenville, South Carolina

May 10, 1956

Mr. Tolson
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Miss Gandy

American Legion National

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your nice letter of May 3 with reference to Inspector C. D. DeLoach attending our Commission meeting at Indianapolis last week.

Mr. DeLoach's knowledge of several matters we had for consideration was such that it made our deliberations easier and more complete. He was definitely a big help to us and we appreciated the privilege of having him with us.

Best wishes always.

Sincerely,

James F. Daniel Jr.
JAMES F. DANIEL, JR., Chairman
National Americanism Commission

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Mr. Lee R. Pennington
Assistant Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
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Dear Lee:

Inspector C. D. DeLoach referred to me your very kind letter of May 10, 1956, and its enclosure. I want you to know how pleased I am to receive your comments and those [redacted] regarding the tour of FBI Headquarters for his wife and him conducted by Mr. John J. O'Connor.

I thought you would want to know that I have taken the liberty of writing directly [redacted] to express our gratitude for his thoughtfulness.

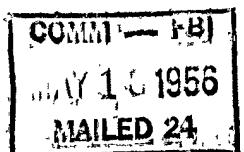
Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover

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cc p Personnel file of John J. O'Connor, with copy of the incoming

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OFFICE OF THE
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May 10, 1956

Inspector G. D. DeLoach
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

American Legion - National

Dear Deke:

If it won't give him too much of a swelled head, I wish you would show the enclosed letter to your boy O'Connor, although he already knows the substance thereof.

Seriously, I think O'Connor is doing an excellent job, and he certainly should make an excellent agent when he finishes his college work. He has the ability to make friends and influence people.

Sincerely yours,

Lee R. Pennington,
Assistant Director

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SALUTE TO RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

We wish to pay tribute to the trustees of Rutgers University who refused to be intimidated by the censure which has been imposed upon the university by the American Association of University Professors. The reason for the censure was the dismissal of Professor SIMON W. HEIMLICH and MOSES I. FINLEY in 1952 and the resignation of Professor ABRAHAM GLASSER after he had been threatened with dismissal. Let us examine the reason why these professors were dismissed from Rutgers University, or as in the case of DR. GLASSER, resigned.

During his testimony before the House Committee On Un-American Activities, EDWARD G. ROBINSON testified that he had donated to the Committee to Win The Peace, Union County, New Jersey, of which SIMON W. HEIMLICH, a teacher in the College of Pharmacy at Rutgers University, was chairman of the Program Committee. HEIMLICH's letter states that the Union County Committee to Win The Peace was affiliated with the National Organization of the same name, headed by PAUL ROBESON and COLONEL EVANS S. CARLSON. (See HUAC, Testimony of Edward G. Robinson, 10-27-50, page 3322).

The National Committee to Win The Peace was cited as subversive and Communist by Attorney General TOM CLARK in letters to the Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948. (See Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1951, page 80).

SIMON W. HEIMLICH appeared before the United States Senate, Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws, at New York City on September 24, 1952. He gave his name, address and his affiliation with Rutgers University. He declined to answer on the grounds of the privilege of the Fifth Amendment as to whether he had ever been a member of the Communist Party, whether he had ever been a recruiter and done recruiting work for the American Union for Democracy, whether he had ever used an alias, and whether he was presently a member of the Communist Party.

He answered affirmatively that he was active in the American Association of University Professors and was President of the Rutgers Chapter of the Newark Colleges. (See Subversive Influence in Education, HUAC, 1952, Part 1, pages 187-188).

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In connection with hearings on the Institute of Pacific Relations, MOSES FINLEY, a teacher at Rutgers University, testified before the Senate Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws on March 28, 1952. He admitted that he

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was operating under a grant from the Ford Foundation. When asked as to whether he was now a Communist, he answered in the negative. However, under the First and Fifth Amendments he declined to state whether he had ever been a member of the Communist Party. When questioned as to whether a study group ever met in his home, he stated in the negative. When asked whether he was a Communist at the time of these meetings he declined to answer. He admitted knowing a number of individuals but stated that he did not know whether they were Communists. SENATOR WATKINS asked him whether he knew any Communists, and he declined to answer on the grounds previously mentioned. SENATOR WATKINS then rephrased his question and stated "Even now, under the present condition, where you say you are not a Communist? I am asking if you know any Communists?" FINLEY replied "I know no-one now who I know to be a Communist". When asked how far back from now he would make the same answer, FINLEY declined to answer. (See Institute of Pacific Relations Hearings, March 28, 1952, Part 12, pages 4152-4157.)

ABRAHAM GLASSER, former Associate Professor of Law, Rutgers University resigned his position on September 11, 1953. Concerning him, the House Committee on Un-American Activities had this to say:

"In the 15 years of the committee's existence, its members have been subjected to unprecedented abuse from some witnesses who have appeared before it. One of the most abusive and contemptuous to appear was ABRAHAM GLASSER.

"GLASSER became an employee of the United States Department of Justice in December 1935. The Federal Bureau of Investigation learned, through a Soviet espionage agent who had been arrested by Canadian authorities, that during a period of 1938-39 GLASSER had furnished him with information from the files of the Justice Department. As a result of these findings GLASSER was suspended from the Department of Justice in June 1941. A resume' of the information relating to GLASSER's activities in behalf of the Soviet Government were set forth in a memorandum prepared by ALEXANDER HOLTZOFF, who is presently a Federal Judge in Washington. This memorandum, which was prepared in July 1941, set forth the obvious reasons why GLASSER should at least be dismissed with prejudice from the Justice Department. In the face of this memorandum, a board appointed to study GLASSER's case found that there was not in their opinion sufficient cause for dismissal, although determining that he should not be retained in the services of the Justice Department. GLASSER was requested to resign. He did submit his resignation, effective October 31, 1941, and immediately was employed by the Office of Price Administration. No notification was sent to the OPA or Civil Service Commission by the Department of Justice as to the nature of serious charges or the fact that GLASSER's resignation had been requested.

"It is little wonder then that, when he was hired by Rutgers University, in July 1947, the officials of that institution were completely unaware of GLASSER's background. When GLASSER appeared before the committee in March 1953, he refused to affirm or deny the allegations that he had been engaged in espionage or whether he knew the Soviet agent when showing him his picture." (See HUAC, Communist Methods of Infiltration of Education, Part 2, March 12, 1953, pages 125-127, and Ibid., March 18, 1953, pages 196, 199, 204 and 205).

On April 27, 1956 the 26 trustees of Rutgers University voted unanimously for a resolution stating that there was no reason to reopen the cases or to revise its original decision reached after painstaking

study and careful consideration of the moral responsibilities as well as the privileges of faculty members and the University's obligation to individual liberty.

If more trustees in colleges and universities over the United States would display the same moral courage as did the trustees at Rutgers University, there would be far fewer Communist activities on the campuses of our country.

LATEST EPISODE IN THE CASE OF PAUL DRAPER

The United States Tax Court has ruled that PAUL DRAPER can deduct from his income tax the sum of \$3,753.12 which he alleges was spent in his suit against MRS. HESTER MC CULLOUGH of Greenwich, Connecticut.

MRS. MC CULLOUGH became a public figure in 1949 when she returned her \$6.00 subscription ticket to the Greenwich Community Concert Association for a PAUL DRAPER & LARRY ADLER performance. These two she wrote "while fine artists have been openly denounced in the press as being pro-Communist and, as such, I do not believe should appear in any community project in Greenwich."

As a result of this statement ADLER and DRAPER sued MRS. MC CULLOUGH for \$200,000 damages. After considerable financial expense to defend herself for repeating what appeared in official government documents a trial jury failed to reach a verdict in the case.

Listed below is a record of some of DRAPER's affiliations with Communist and subversive organizations. We are prepared to back up these statements with photostatic documentation which will be sent to any patriotic citizen at cost.

PAUL DRAPER was listed as a member of the Advisory Council of Theatre Arts Committee, which was affiliated with the Medical Bureau and North American Committee To Aid Spanish Democracy and American League for Peace and Democracy. (HUAC, Appendix IX, 1944, page 1627). The Theatre Arts Committee was cited as a Communist front which was formerly known as the Theatre Committee To Aid Spanish Democracy. (HUAC, Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1951, page 107).

DRAPER was listed as having been affiliated with the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. (HUAC, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference For World Peace, 1949, page 21). The Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade was organized and controlled by the Communist Party from the beginning and served the objectives of the Communist Parties in the United States and Spain. (HUAC, Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1951, page 53).

DRAPER was listed as having been affiliated with the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. (HUAC, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference For World Peace, 1949, page 2). The Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited as a Communist front by the House Committee On Un-American Activities in 1949. (HUAC, Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1951, page 60).

DRAPER was listed as having been affiliated with the American Youth For Democracy. (HUAC, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, 1949, page 22). The American Youth for Democracy has been cited as subversive and Communist by the Attorney General of the United States, 1947. This organization was formed in October 1943 to succeed the Young Communist League. (HUAC, Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1951, page 28).

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee was another subversive organization with which DRAPER is reported to have been affiliated. (HUAC, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, 1949, page 28; HUAC, Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1951, page 68).

In 1946 DRAPER was also listed as having participated in the Communist May Day Parade. (HUAC, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, 1949, page 54). The May Day Parade in New York City has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as an annual mobilization of Communist strength. (HUAC Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1951, page 75).

In 1949 DRAPER was listed as having been a sponsor of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, which was arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949. (HUAC, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference For World Peace, 1949, page 58). The Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace was cited as a Communist front--which was actually a supermobilization of the inveterate wheel-horses and supporters of the Communist Party and its auxiliary organizations. The National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a Communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1949. (HUAC, Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1951, pages 82 and 101).

The House Un-American Activities Committee, Report of the Communist Peace Offensive, 1951, page 116 lists DRAPER as an United States sponsor of the American Continental Congress for Peace, held in Mexico City, September 5-10, 1949. The American Continental Congress for Peace was cited as another phase in the Communist peace campaign, aimed at consolidating anti-American forces throughout the Western Hemisphere. (HUAC, Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1951, page 16).

In 1948 the California Committee on Un-American Activities labeled the Committee For A Democratic Far Eastern Policy as a new "front" in pressure to be brought to bear on the administration in reference to its foreign policy in China in order to clear the way for Soviet expansion. This organization was cited as Communist by the United States Attorney General in 1949. That same year the House Committee on Un-American Activities listed PAUL DRAPER as a member of the Committee For A Democratic Far Eastern Policy. (HUAC, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference For World Peace, 1949, page 24; HUAC, Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1951, page 36).

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓.KC
FROM : L. B. NICHOLS ✓.P

DATE: 4-15-56

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION BY NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THE AMERICAN LEGION - REGARDING NECESSITY OF
PUBLIC TO BE FULLY INFORMED CONCERNING
ARREST AND CHARGES THEREOF

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You will recall that DeLoach was invited to attend meetings of the National Americanism Commission in Indianapolis, Indiana. At the meetings in question a resolution was passed deploreding the actions of Federal Judge William D. Murray in criticizing the Director and the FBI for issuing a press release concerning the arrest of John Cyril Hellman, Communist Party Organizer, on April 4, 1956. My memorandum to you of 5-2-56 reflected the passage of this resolution.

The resolution in question has now been approved by the National Executive Committee of the Legion and the National Commander. It has been given priority as #30 among resolutions to be presented to the National Convention in Los Angeles in 1956. We have been forwarded a copy of the full resolution for information and it is attached to this memorandum.

ACTION:

For information.

CC: Mr. Jones
Mr. Belmont

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Enclosure

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Resolution No. 30 (New Resolution) (Americanism Commission)

Subject: Public Should Be Fully Informed Concerning Arrests and Charges Thereof

WHEREAS, On April 4, 1956, the F.B.I. arrested John Cyril Hellman on charges of violation of the Smith Act. The apprehension of this well known District organizer of the Communist Party in Montana undoubtedly contributed greatly to curtailing subversion in the far West; and

WHEREAS, The completion of this far reaching investigation and arrest of Hellman was marred by a deplorable incident; and

WHEREAS, Federal Judge William D. Murray, before whom a motion was argued to reduce bail, made numerous and sweeping statements to the effect that the F.B.I. was attempting to try this case in the press through the release which revealed the charges and arrest of Hellman. He further deplored the actions of Director J. Edgar Hoover in issuing press releases concerning Communist charges as un-American; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion subscribes to the fundamental principle that the public has a right to know, and should be informed as to who is being arrested and on what charges and that the defendant has a right to a public trial; and

WHEREAS, Any deviation from this long established principle and policy on the part of any law enforcement agency, at the State or Federal level, would resemble police state methods of making secret arrests; and

WHEREAS, Suppression of such news, especially concerning the enemies of our country, would be the first step toward a police state agency and there is no place in the United States for this type of agency; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee, in meeting assembled at Indianapolis, Indiana, May 2-3-4, 1956, that The American Legion reaffirms its belief that the American people should be fully informed concerning the arrests and charges thereof, and urges that this policy be continued by all law enforcement agencies, and that they should be commended rather than criticized for adhering to this policy and principle.

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ENCLOSURE

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May 21, 1956

Dr. Garland D. Murphy
Chairman
American Legion Child Welfare Foundation
Box 1485
El Dorado, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Murphy:

James D. Hill, Alternate National Executive Committee man of the American Legion, Department of the District of Columbia, has advised me of your most kind invitation to appear before the Child Welfare Convention of the American Legion in July, 1956. He also informed me of your thoughtfulness in offering to contribute the sum of \$1,000 to my favorite charity in the event this engagement could be accepted.

The excellent child welfare work of the Legion has and will be a great deterrent in the fight against juvenile delinquency. For this and many other reasons, I would deem it a privilege, if at all possible, to accept your kind invitation. Unfortunately, however, the pressure of my official commitments has been such that of late I have been forced to adopt the policy of not accepting speaking engagements for the foreseeable future. I am most certain that you can understand that it would prove most embarrassing if I indicated acceptance only to find that at the last minute some unforeseen emergency would prevent my being with you.

Although I am unable to accept, I hope that your convention will be a most successful affair!

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CC: Mr. Jones

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Memo L. B. Nichols to Mr. Tolson
5-18-56 CDD:hpf

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

G. I. R.-10

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 18, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR TO SPEAK BEFORE
 CHILD WELFARE CONFERENCE
 THE AMERICAN LEGION, JULY 21, 1956
 TULSA, OKLAHOMA

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~~Jimmy Hill, Alternate National Executive Committeeman, District of Columbia, The American Legion, called DeLoach 5-16-56 and made reference to a letter he had received from Dr. Garland D. Murphy, Chairman, American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Eldorado, Arkansas.~~

Dr. Murphy has asked Hill to contact the Director for the purpose of requesting the Director to speak before the Child Welfare convention of the Legion on 7-21-56 at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dr. Murphy told Hill in his communication that a crowd of 10,000 was expected at the Tulsa University football stadium, and that following the Director's speech, Dr. Murphy, who is quite wealthy, would donate \$1,000 to the Director's favorite charity.

DeLoach told Hill that the Director would, of course, be very appreciative but that unfortunately his present commitments and the pressure of official business would just not allow fulfilling an engagement of this nature, despite the fact that the Director might desire very much to do so. It was mentioned that on several past occasions the Director had accepted engagements only to find it necessary to cancel them at the last minute due to emergencies of official nature which arose. Mr. Hill stated that he understood; however, that he would appreciate a letter being directed to Dr. Murphy indicating the Director's inability to accept this engagement. He was advised we would be glad to do this.

ACTION: There is attached a letter to Dr. Murphy advising of the Director's inability to accept the mentioned speaking engagement.

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cc - Mr. Jones

Enclosure *sent 5-18-56*

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JOHN F. "MUTT" GIBSON
COMMANDER
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D.R. GARLAND D. MURPHY, J.R.
NAT'L EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN
EL DORADO

The American Legion National

Department of Arkansas
JOHN L. VANCE, ADJUTANT

DRD

May 25, 1956

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

94-1-17998-1209

Thanks for your kind letter of May 21.

Although we regret that you are unable to attend our convention, but we appreciate your situation.

Please express our appreciation to James Hill for his interest.

If, at any time, I can be of service to you or your fine organization, I will consider your request a favor.

Sincerely,

Garland D. Murphy, Jr., MD
General Convention Chairman

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"IT'S YOUR CONVENTION .. BE THERE"

Annual Convention - July 20-22 - EL DORADO, ARKANSAS - P. O. Box 1485
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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

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During an off-the-record conversation with Mr. Lee R. Pennington of the Americanization Office, American Legion, he advised me that he was told in no uncertain terms, very recently, "to keep his mouth shut." Pennington advised that pressure has been brought to bear on several top Legion officials by J. Maurice Johnson (Steamboat Johnson) of South Carolina. Johnson recently retired from the Interstate Commerce Commission, and it has been reported to Mr. Pennington that Johnson is trying to make a "pure lily" out of Harry Cain. Pennington has been outspoken among Legion officials with reference to Cain, and it was for this reason he was instructed to keep his mouth shut. As a matter of fact, Pennington says he is not going to keep his mouth shut. (Johnson was one of the Interstate Commerce Commissioners).

It will be recalled that Johnson was a personal friend of Tracy and his interest in the Cain situation, according to Mr. Pennington, is because of the acquaintanceship with Tracy.

I thought the Chairman would be interested in the foregoing.

S. T.

Stanley Tracy

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Mr. R. E. Walton
1105 North Fifth Street
Tacoma 3, Washington

July 17, 1956

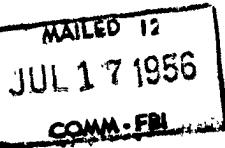
Dear Mr. Walton:

Your card postmarked July 7, 1956, has been received. While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your request for copies of the poster you mentioned, this item is not available for distribution by the FBI.

For assistance in this regard, you may wish to contact Mr. Lee R. Pennington, Assistant Director, National Americanism Commission, The American Legion, 1608 K Street, Northwest, Washington 6, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



cc - Mr. C. D. DeLoach, with copy of incoming.
Room 5636

NOTE: Inspector DeLoach advises that the material sought by the correspondent may be obtained through Mr. Pennington.

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for you M. J. R.
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July 5 1956

F. B. I.

Gentleman

In the last issue of American Legion "Firing Line" bulletin there is a reproduction of a poster put out by your department titled "Communist Party U. S. A." "Major Issues Emphasized" Is it possible to get one or more of these to place on our bulleton board. In fact I would like sixteen of them one for each post in my district. I would see that they are posted. Thanks if it is posible.

/s/ R. E. Walton
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Tacoma 3 Wash

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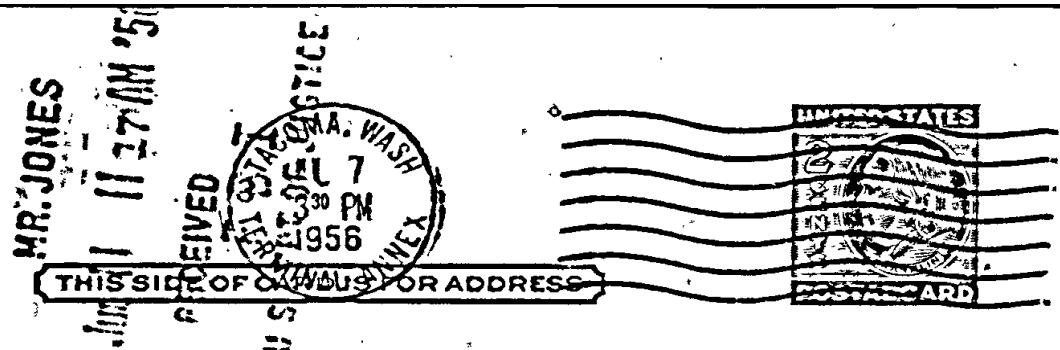
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 29, 1956

FROM : R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC

NATIONAL

Mr. Nichols by memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated 6-18-56 stated that Lee Pennington gave him a draft of an outline which J. Addington Wagner, National Commander of the American Legion, contemplates using before the HCUA hearing on the Fund for the Republic. Mr. Nichols suggested that this outline be reviewed by the Domestic Intelligence Division for any flagrant errors. As you know the HCUA has cancelled its hearing on the Fund indefinitely.

A review of the outline has been instituted by our Special Memoranda Unit. The outline, which is highly critical of the Fund, attributes certain quoted statements, writings and alleged communist activities on the part of individuals and organizations connected with the Fund or one of its projects. A preliminary review to verify statements in the outline indicates that substantial amount of the information therein is available in Bureau summaries and investigative reports. However, the outline contains certain information which cannot be verified except by a complete check of Bureau's references. In addition some of the organizations identified as communist fronts are not cited by the Attorney General or Congressional Committees. To completely verify the statements in the outline it would require approximately seventy comprehensive name checks.

The above has been discussed with Inspector DeLoach, who advised that the data contained in the outline should be completely verified for accuracy and that any inconsistencies or supplemental pertinent information be noted separately on each individual or organization concerned. Inspector DeLoach noted, however, that wherever direct quotes are made from speeches, writings, or publications, they need not be verified.

Complete verification of the information contained in the outline will require comprehensive file checks over an extended period.

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- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Addington
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Young

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

of time. All available personnel in the Special Memoranda Unit are being utilized to assist in these file reviews, which in view of the fact the HCUA hearing has been postponed indefinitely, will be handled as a project along with our regular work load.

ACTION:

None. For your information

At 110pm
JF

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date July 12, 1956 Time 10:10AM

Mrs. Bowden Ward, President,
National American Legion Auxiliary
League, Indianapolis, Indiana,
tele thru operator and secretary
Phone No. Operator 19, MElrose 5-8411

Mr. Tolson _____
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REMARKS

*filed
DeLoach*

When advised of the Director's absence from the office, Mrs. Ward declined to speak with an assistant and asked that the Director return her call.

Mr. Nichols has been advised of the call, and will have Inspector DeLoach return Mrs. Ward's call.

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cc - Mr. Nichols

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 12, 1956

Concerning the telephone call earlier this morning from MRS: BOWDEN WARD, President, National American Legion Auxiliary League, Indianapolis, Indiana: Inspector DeLoach in Mr. Nichols' office returned Mrs. Ward's call and Mrs. Ward extended to the Director an invitation to be the featured speaker at the National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary on either September 4 or 5th, in Los Angeles, California.

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Mr. DeLoach advised Mrs. Ward that he knew the Director would appreciate her invitation, but because of the Director's previous commitments it would just be impossible for the Director to do this.

Mrs. Ward inquired if the Director could recommend anyone else as the featured speaker. Mr. DeLoach advised her that no one came into mind at the present.

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He is preparing a letter of declination to Mrs. Ward.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

July 16, 1956

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Thirty-eighth Annual National Convention of The American Legion is scheduled to be held in Los Angeles, California, September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1956.

It is a distinct pleasure for me, as National Commander, to extend to you a most cordial invitation to attend this convention as a distinguished guest.

Inasmuch as Labor Day this year falls on Monday, September 3, it has been determined to devote that entire day to the annual convention parade, and I would be happy to have you in the National Commander's reviewing stand for that colorful affair.

The convention sessions will be held in the Shrine Auditorium, starting on Tuesday, September 4, and continuing on September 5 and 6. I would like to have you attend some or all of the sessions, and to have the privilege of introducing you to the delegates assembled.

On the evening of Tuesday, September 4, the National Commander's Banquet to distinguished guests will be held at the Biltmore Hotel, and I hope you will honor me with your presence on that occasion.

Hoping that we may have the pleasure of your attendance at this convention, I am, with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. ADDINGTON WAGNER
J. ADDINGTON WAGNER
National Commander

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Mrs. Bowden Ward
President
National American Legion Auxiliary
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Ward:

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Inspector C. D. DeLoach of my staff has advised me of his conversation with you during my absence on July 12 and of the cordial invitation extended for me to be the featured speaker at the National Convention of your Auxiliary on September 4 or 5 in Los Angeles.

While I know it would be a real pleasure to be with you on such an occasion, I am sure that Mr. DeLoach fully explained that previously scheduled commitments just make it impossible for me to indicate an acceptance.

You will, I know, understand the circumstances which preclude my being with you, and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you a most enjoyable and successful Convention.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE: See Jones to Nichols memo dated 7/16/56, captioned "Mrs. Bowden Ward, President, National American Legion Auxiliary, Indianapolis, Indiana, Request for Director to Speak," JRH:bs. Address per Indianapolis telephone directory.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols
 FROM : M. A. Jones

DATE: July 16, 1956

SUBJECT: MRS. BOWDEN WARD
 PRESIDENT,
NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY LEAGUE
 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.
 REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR TO SPEAK

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Mrs. Ward telephoned from Indianapolis, Indiana, on 7/12/56, requesting to speak with the Director and declining to speak with an assistant. Upon instructions from the Director's Office, Inspector DeLoach in your office called Mrs. Ward back on the same date and determined that she wished to invite the Director to be the featured speaker at the National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary on either 9/4 or 5 in Los Angeles.

that,
 Inspector DeLoach advised Mrs. Ward while he knew the Director would deeply appreciate her invitation, due to previous commitments, it would not be possible for the Director to do this. Mrs. Ward seemed insistent that the Director accept this invitation and indicated that he had previously declined a similar invitation. (1954) After definitely declining for the above reasons, Inspector DeLoach advised that this information would, of course, be brought to the Director's attention.

RECOMMENDATION:

Attached letter be sent Mrs. Ward declining this invitation.

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July 20, 1956

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Honorable J. Addington Wagner
National Commander
The American Legion
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

My dear Mr. Wagner:

I am deeply appreciative of the invitation as reflected in your kind letter dated July 16, 1956, to attend the Thirty-eighth Annual National Convention of The American Legion, September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1956, in Los Angeles, California. It was also very thoughtful of you to extend a further invitation for me to be present in the National Commander's reviewing stand during the Convention's parade and, on September 4, at the National Commander's Banquet.

It would give me a great deal of pleasure indeed to indicate an acceptance to the events mentioned in your letter, particularly in view of the very excellent cooperation and personal friendship the FBI has enjoyed with your administration during 1955 and 1956. Unfortunately, however, my schedule, which I have checked most carefully to see if changes could be made, will not allow my attendance on these occasions. It is with sincere regret that I advise you of my inability to accept.

I do hope that the Thirty-eighth Annual National Convention will be a complete success and will climax a very excellent year for you and your staff.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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cc - Mr. Jones

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July 1, 1956

LET'S NOT GET COMPLACENT

The Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities recently requested a statement from National Commander ADD WAGNER relative to current Soviet policy. It is hoped that its publication here will serve to remind all patriotic Americans of the need for constant vigilance.

"The American Legion and its National Commander have arrived at the following evaluation of the recent developments in Russia, the significance of the 20th Congress of the Communist Party in Moscow and the address of NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV on February 24, 1956.

"In substance, KHRUSHCHEV's address contained three basic parts:

1. The denunciation of Stalin and the cult of one-man rule.
2. The idea that it is no longer necessary for the Communists to resort to civil revolt, force, and warfare to accomplish their goals; rather, these can be accomplished by parliamentary persuasion and ballots.
3. The contention that the new collective regime in Russia wants to be friendly with the United States.

"KHRUSHCHEV in publicly denouncing Stalin and the creed of one-man dictatorship took a calculated risk. He risked provoking unrest, uprisings, and even open rebellion by the followers of Stalin within the Soviet Union and satellite countries. Against this risk he must have balanced the knowledge that ultimate control of the situation rested with the Red Army, and the belief that the army leaders would be drawn more solidly into the net of collective dictatorship because of their natural resentment of one-man dictatorship. He must have reasoned also that within the Soviet Union there were followers of Stalin who disagreed personally but not in principle with the KHRUSHCHEV group and who sought to seize power for themselves. Finally, he must have reckoned that in the minds of people throughout most of the world, terrorism and brutality and suppression of freedom were linked with the name of Stalin and the Stalin regime.

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"It is logical to assume that KHRUSHCHEV concluded the odds favored the new strategy. He aimed at two vital objectives--internally, the elimination of any practical opportunity for Stalin's followers to oust his own group; and externally, an increase in sympathy and support of the present Soviet leaders on the part of uncommitted and non-Communist peoples who would be led to believe that KHRUSHCHEV and his confederates were opposed to the terrorism of Stalin but had been powerless to do anything about it. Recent reactions of leaders in some non-Communist nations would indicate that KHRUSHCHEV's move was well-conceived.

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"Soviet leaders have good reason to feel elated over their successes since World War II. They have seen millions of people in vast areas of the earth enveloped in the silent darkness behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains. In recent months they have derived further satisfaction from the visit of Khrushchev and Bulganin to India and other nations of the East. They count as gains for their side the current turmoil in the Middle East, the trend toward neutralism and popular fronts in Greece and Italy, and recent Communist successes in France.

"The announced emphasis upon parliamentary persuasion would appear to be an attempt to attract the non-Communist left, Socialists, and other non-belligerent radicals and liberals to the side of communism against the common foe--capitalism. Such a shift might open a new avenue of deceit through which the Soviet leaders could use all of these groups, and pacifists as well, for the promotion of world communism. For example, the people of India, long committed to a policy of pacifism, might well be enlisted actively in the Communist fold by means of this device.

"It is likely that this also represents an attempt to divert attention from the new, complex, and subtle tactical line which is designed to carry communism into non-Communist nations through the back door rather than the front.

"It should be remembered that the Soviet spokesmen have not ruled out altogether the tactic of aggressive war and civil revolt. They have merely stated it is not now necessary. They have not said that it may not become necessary in the future. Undoubtedly Khrushchev hopes that non-Communist nations will become complacent and let their guard down. This new policy pronouncement does not really represent a change in Communist doctrine; the Communists have always indicated a preference for taking over nations by parliamentary intrigue and subterfuge. Where this cannot be done, historically they resort to force and violence and warfare. The 20th Congress and Khrushchev's address may present a change in emphasis or tactics but not in basic Communist doctrine.

"Neither is the stated desire for friendly relations with capitalist nations a contradiction of Soviet doctrine. In the past, Soviet leaders have mouthed desires for peaceful coexistence and have promoted peace offensives whenever it suited their purposes and they needed time. It is logical to assume now that Khrushchev, as was true with his predecessors, hopes to divide, confuse, and weaken the opposition to communism throughout the world. Through such a policy Soviet Russia would gain time in which the vast Communist empire now developing could entrench itself and gain greater economic and political cohesion.

"Khrushchev undoubtedly seeks, through this new tactical line, to develop the seductive, peaceful coexistence program throughout the world into a nonresistance movement as it relates to Communist aggression.

"In conclusion, the recent developments appear to us to be changes in tactics and not in basic Communist doctrine and objectives. The latter remain the same--to establish a world Communist society to the exclusion of all others resulting in the destruction of human dignity and the subjugation of man to the state and all states to the Kremlin. Were it otherwise, were Khrushchev sincere, long before now, he and the present so-called collective dictatorship would have availed themselves of the opportunities provided at the "Summit Conference" and since to evidence their sincerity by deeds rather than the usual empty words..

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"The Communist mind has so defined its world that it shares neither truth nor logic nor morality with the rest of mankind. If, in ruling out certain courses for Soviet policy, we attribute to them reasons like our own, we are making a fatal error. If we assume that our own policies and statements convey the same meaning to them as to us, we are certain to be mistaken. Any policy aimed at an "understanding" between the Soviet Union and the United States is based on a total lack of knowledge of the ultimate Communist objectives. The Soviets may be able to "understand" us in a concrete contempt, but an "understanding"--even in a hostile sense--as the basis of a sustained reciprocity of policies is something we cannot expect.

"Peace in the sense of international order based on a minimum of common values and the ensuing restraint of national aspirations is not possible with an adversary who basically rejects the very right of other societies to exist.

"The greatest danger threatening America today is the complacency of many of our citizens and people throughout the world in the midst of inexorably rising peril." (See HUAC, "The Great Pretense", May 19, 1956, pages 96, 97 and 98).

DOG IN THE MANGER

"Through the courtesy of the Washington, D.C. Daily News, Saturday, May 20, 1956."



Attorney General HERBERT BROWNELL, JR., announced that a Federal Grand Jury, in Detroit, Michigan, June 13, 1956 indicted the Rumanian-American Publishing Association and nine of its present and former officers and directors on charges of violating the Foreign Agents' Registration Act.

The two counts of the indictment charged:

1. Since January 2, 1948, RAPA has been the paid publicity agent in the United States for the Government of the People's Republic of Rumania, including its government-controlled instrumentalities, and has unlawfully and wilfully failed to file a registration statement with the Attorney General.
2. The nine individual defendants collectively and individually during their tenures of office have, since January 2, 1948, unlawfully and wilfully failed to cause RAPA to execute and file with the Attorney General the required registration statement.

The individual defendants are:

MARIA MILA, secretary-treasurer, director and resident agent of the corporation. She was born in Rumania and was naturalized in 1937. She presently lives in Detroit.

NICK KISH, a director. He was born in a part of Austria which is now part of Rumania, in 1897. KISH, who lives in Detroit, was naturalized in 1929.

JOHN DOMNARIU, a director. He was born in Rumania, was naturalized in 1918, and now resides in Detroit.

GEORGE VOCILA, chairman of the editorial committee and president and director of the corporation. He was born in Rumania, was naturalized in 1927 and presently resides in Highland Park, Michigan.

NICHOLAS H. CATANA, vice president and director of the corporation. He was born in Rumania in 1896, was naturalized in 1922 and currently resides in Desert Hot Springs, California.

HARRY FAINARU, former editor and director of RAPA. He was born in Rumania, was naturalized in 1927 and currently lives in the Bronx, New York.

MARY DUMITRU, a former officer and now a part-time employee. She was born in Rumania, was naturalized in 1929 and currently resides in Detroit.

SIMION BARBU, a former officer. He was born in Rumania, was naturalized in 1921 and now resides in Detroit.

VICTORIA CANDEA, a former officer. She was born in Ohio and now resides in Detroit.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. R. BURKH

DATE: July 20, 1956

FROM : MR. J. M. BROWN

SUBJECT: FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC (FFR)

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Reference is made to Mr. Nichols' memorandum to Mr. Tolson 6-18-56 stating that Lee Pennington gave him a draft of an outline which J. Addington Wagner, of the American Legion, contemplates using before the forthcoming hearings of HCUA on the FFR. Mr. Nichols suggested that this outline be reviewed for any flagrant errors. Reference is also made to your memorandum to Mr. Belmont, 6-28-56, stating that the outline is being reviewed by our Special Memoranda unit on a project basis along with our regular work. (100-391697-393, 394)

The review of the above-mentioned outline has been completed and individual summary memoranda have been prepared wherever applicable. In the interest of brevity and to avoid repetition, the allegations and pertinent information contained in the outline on various individuals and organizations were not repeated in the individual summaries where they have been verified through Bureau's files. With the exception of pages 10-16, the section dealing with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), all the information in the outline has been verified. Any exceptions, corrections or additions thereto are noted in the individual summaries. The section in the outline dealing with the ACLU was not verified as the ACLU has no official connection with the FFR (other than allowing its annual report to be distributed by the Fund); the ACLU has not been investigated by the Bureau; and to verify the allegations in the outline regarding 24 individuals connected with this organization would require a considerable number of extensive file reviews. This was discussed with Inspector Velocci who was of the opinion that no additional file reviews should be undertaken regarding the members of the ACLU.

Wagner's proposed outline has been photostated for Bureau files and the original outline is enclosed herewith together with the individual summaries reflecting the results of our file reviews.

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Memorandum for Mr. Roach.

ACTION:

That this memorandum and the attached summaries be referred to Mr. Nichols for his information.

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approving ^{or refuting}
Wagner's proposed
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 6/18/56

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

Lee Pennington gave me a draft of the outline which Addington Wagner, the National Commander of the American Legion, contemplates using in his appearance before the HCUA at the forthcoming hearings on the Fund for the Republic. It is suggested that this be reviewed by the Domestic Intelligence Division and if there are any flagrant errors, I think we might call them to the attention of Mr. Pennington.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

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TO : Mr. Tolson ✓ 102 ✓
 FROM : L. B. Nichols ✓ 31
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DATE: 7/25/56

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I.U. Dan Daniel, who will be the next National Commander of The American Legion, called me from Chicago on the morning of 7/24/56. It is traditional to have a home-coming celebration when the National Commander returns to his home town after his election and Daniel's home-coming is scheduled to take place in Danville, Virginia, on 9/29/56. According to Daniel, this is a tremendous affair and he anticipates there will be from 25,000 to 30,000 out to greet him upon his home-coming; that heretofore, it has been customary for the new National Commander to have the Chief of Staff of the military service in which he served to make the principal address. Daniel wants to break this practice and he wants the Director to make the principal address upon his home-coming. He stated he had talked to Paul Harvey and Harvey suggested that he take it up with me prior to sending a formal invitation to the Director.

I told Daniel that I knew this was something the Director would be interested in in view of the very high regard which the Director has for him, Daniel, personally. I then explained the impossibility of the Director making commitments such as this with any assurance of keeping the commitment. I told Daniel that while I would, of course, talk to the Director I did not see how it was possible for the Director to undertake this. Daniel will be back in Danville on Tuesday, 7/31/56. I told him that we would have word for him in Danville by that time. A letter is attached.

Enclosure *sent* 7-26-56 ✓ ✓ ✓cc - Mr. Holloman
Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: August 21, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
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While discussing other matters with Bud Tesch, Director, National Americanism Commission, The American Legion, on August 17, 1956, he mentioned to DeLoach that the Legion's National Headquarters would like very much to receive approximately 2,000 copies of the Director's recent article, "Communist 'New Look'--A Study in Duplicity." Tesch stated this article was most excellent and that the Legion planned to give out these reprints at the National Convention in Los Angeles which begins September 3, 1956. DeLoach told Tesch that he feels sure the Director would be glad to honor the Legion's request and that we would be in touch with him in the near future regarding this matter.

Mr. Jones has been asked to enlarge the printing order which had already been sent to the Administrative Division concerning this article. Upon receipt of the reprints, we plan to turn the 2,000 copies over to Lee Pennington who will make arrangements to ship the reprints to Los Angeles.

cc: Mr. Belmont
 cc: Mr. M. A. Jones

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TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: SALARIES - PERSONNEL OF
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GOVERNMENT

DATE: August 9, 1956

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Steve Grillo, Department Adjutant of the American Legion in the District of Columbia, who is presently employed as a management consultant in the District of Columbia government, dropped by DeLoach's office August 3, 1956. The purpose of Grillo's visit was to discuss details concerning the coming National Convention of the American Legion in Los Angeles.

During his visit, he remarked that he was presently working on the possibility of raising the salaries of the personnel of the Metropolitan Police Department. He left for our informal information a tabulation reflecting the current salaries of the personnel of that department.

ACTION:

Merely for information.

Enclosure

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cc - Mr. Mason

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: August 3, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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Pursuant to [redacted] instructions, DeLoach conferred with Wayne Murphy and Lee Pennington, Assistant Directors of the American Legion National Americanism Commission, on August 1, 1956. The proposed testimony of the National Commander before the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning the captioned organization was discussed. National Commander Wagner is of the opinion, and this was concurred in by both Murphy and Pennington, that he will not be called upon to testify before the end of his administration, September 6, 1956. There is a possibility that the new National Commander, Dan Daniel, will be called upon to testify; however, the House Committee on Un-American Activities has not yet indicated a date.

Mr. Wagner is of the opinion that his administration should reflect a true picture of the Legion's fight against the Fund for the Republic. The testimony in question will be greatly enlarged and will be prepared in the form of a monograph with appropriate documentation. It will be issued to all rank and file members at the National Convention and will serve in the future as a "Bible" for Legionnaires regarding the Fund for the Republic. We were later advised that this action was concurred in by James F. Daniel of the Legion's Convention American Committee and Jimmy O'Neil who is the head of the various Legion publications.

A sufficient number of copies will be sent to us for reference purposes.

Commander Wagner, Messrs. Murphy and Pennington were made completely familiar with the fact that the FBI was in no manner indorsing or "clearing" the mentioned testimony or contemplated monograph.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : C. D. DeLOACH

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION

DATE: August 31, 1956

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
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Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Nease
Mr. Winterrowd
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Miss Gandy

I thought you would be interested in knowing that American Legion matters are proceeding very well and that there has been intense interest in the affairs of the Bureau by the members of the Legion's National Americanism Commission. This group began sessions this morning at 9:00 a.m. and continued until 6:30 p.m. They will resume tomorrow morning and continue throughout Tuesday night, including all day Sunday.

Of note were the many compliments paid you and the personnel of the FBI on the solving of the WEINBERGER and RIESEL cases. GORDON ROSELEIP, National Executive Committeeman from Wisconsin, spent fifteen minutes this afternoon before the full committee eulogizing the Bureau's work. [redacted] a top Legion official from the State of Virginia, told the committee of fifty leaders that he was not certain of the exact amount of the Bureau's appropriation but that he thought the Legion should go on record petitioning Congress to furnish any amount of funds we needed to carry on our work. I, of course, thanked these men in your name.

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Two thousand copies of the Director's article, "The Communist New Look--A Study in Duplicity," have been shipped out to Los Angeles by the Legion's National Headquarters and are being received very popularly. This article was mentioned by one Legion official this afternoon as "must reading material" to members of the Americanism Commission.

There are four resolutions commanding the FBI which will be brought before the full convention. They were initiated by the States of Maryland, Alabama, the District of Columbia, and the National Americanism Commission. The Legion's Public Relations Office will issue a release to the wire services upon the passage of these resolutions. The four resolutions will undoubtedly be coordinated into one over-all resolution. The release specifically sets forth that this is the eighteenth straight year that the American Legion has honored the FBI. A copy of the release is attached.

Action: A copy of the proposed release is attached.

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September 13, 1956

Honorable J. Addington Wagner
Past National Commander
The American Legion
American Legion National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Wagner:

I wanted to drop you a brief note to express my appreciation for the excellent cooperation you have afforded the FBI during your term as National Commander of the American Legion. There is no doabt but that your excellent record as National Commander will be long remembered.

It was very kind of you on several occasions throughout your term of office to call upon us here at Washington and to take time out from your busy schedule to address the June, 1956, Graduation Exercises of the National Academy. Inspector C. D. DeLoach has advised me of the many other occasions on which you have been of assistance.

Regardless of the fact that your term of office is over, I do hope that you will continue to keep in touch with us and to let us know if we can be of assistance at any time. 94-1

Sincerely yours,

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(Note: This letter is being sent to Indianapolis inasmuch as the immediate past National Commanders usually spend several weeks in Indianapolis prior to returning to their legal residences.)

(cover memo from Nichols to Tolson 9-12-56 re
"38th National Convention, The American Legion
Los Angeles, California, September 3-6, 1956,
prepared by CDD:jmr)

September 13, 1956

Mr. William Hauck
Assistant National Adjutant
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hauck:

I have been informed by Inspector C. D. DeLoach of the many kindnesses you rendered to Messrs. DeLoach and Hanning during the 38th National Convention of the American Legion held in Los Angeles.

We, of course, realize that you have always extended very excellent cooperation toward the FBI but I did want to drop you a brief note and express my personal appreciation for your many kindnesses during the recent convention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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September 13, 1956

Mr. Gordon W. Roseleip
National Executive Committeeman
The American Legion
Darlington, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Roseleip:

Inspector C. D. DeLoach has informed me of the very kind remarks you made concerning the FBI before the Standing Americanism Commission of the American Legion in executive session, September 1, 1956, Los Angeles, California.

We, of course, are deeply appreciative of your kindness in making these remarks and we sincerely hope that our activities will continue to merit your approbation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Mr. Jones (detached)

NOTE: Cover memo from Nichols to Tolson 9-21-56 re "38th National Convention, The American Legion, Los Angeles, California, September 3-6, 1956," prepared by CDD:jmr.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: September 6, 1956

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

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Mr. DeLoach called from Los Angeles on the evening of September 5 regarding the following matters:

(1) The American Legion passed unanimously a resolution commending the Bureau. Attached is a copy of the release which was released to the press in Los Angeles and which was sent to George Sokolsky, Fulton Lewis, Jr., Ogden Reid, and Paul Harvey. DeLoach suggested that we send a teletype to the Los Angeles Office for delivery to Wagner which Wagner would read at the opening session Thursday morning, September 6. This is the session that the Vice President addresses and begins at 9:30 A. M. which will be 12:30 P. M. our time. I told DeLoach to keep in touch with the Los Angeles Office Thursday morning, that we would give consideration to sending such a message. The message is attached.

(2) There have been numerous fracases at the American Legion Convention this year. The Southern boys have gotten all excited over Governor Clement calling the troops out as this is an insult to Southerners and casts a reflection upon their ability to keep order. They planned to soundly condemn Clement. Somebody tipped Clement off and he flew to Los Angeles on Wednesday, appeared before the Southern caucus and asked to deliver greetings to the convention. He was well received and apparently put down the rebellion.

(3) The reception given Governor Stevenson was rude to the point of embarrassment. He was roundly booed and an individual shouted from the floor, "Throw him the hell out." Stevenson was obviously embarrassed and at one point commented that while we cannot all agree, he was glad to be in a country where there could be disagreement. One of the points which invited boozing was when Stevenson said, "How can we expect to live in a free world when so many questions are asked about private lives?"

(4) The convention unanimously passed a resolution calling for investigation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. There was no protest from the numerous colored Legionnaires present.

(5) There was unanimously passed a resolution calling for an investigation of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. This is the one we have called to the attention of [redacted] which the Department has taken no action.

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

(6) The convention passed a resolution calling for an investigation of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). There was opposition to this but it was explained that the ACLU had been attacking the Legion and it was now time for the Legion to attack the ACLU.

(7) There was a unanimous resolution condemning UNESCO and calling for an abolition of tax-exempt funds for UNESCO.

(8) There was a strong resolution condemning the Fund for the Republic. In fact, five were submitted and DeLoach helped consolidate them into one.

(9) There have been numerous favorable comments on the Bureau, particularly about the Weinberger and Riesel cases. On Sunday at a closed meeting of the Americanism Commission, DeLoach was called upon to comment briefly upon the Weinberger case. He did so, limiting his comments to what appeared in the press statements. One New York Legionnaire got up and denounced the Nassau County Police.

DeLoach states that Hanning has been most effective and the two of them have been on the go. They will fly back to Washington Thursday night. It appears to me that both DeLoach and Hanning are doing an effective job.

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September 5, 1956
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For the eighteenth straight year, The American Legion assembled in National Convention has by resolution commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its dedicated Director, J. Edgar Hoover, for outstanding achievement. These resolutions for the most part have praised the outstanding work of the FBI for its vigilance in protecting the American way of life against the forces of subversion and evil and have characterized this organization as the outstanding bulwark between democratic ways and the evils of totalitarian and godless forms of government.

More striking has been the fact that these resolutions have had their origin in the "grass roots" of America. They have come to the National Conventions from State Conventions in every section of the country.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: September 12, 1956

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: 38th NATIONAL CONVENTION
THE AMERICAN LEGION - ~~NATIONAL~~
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 3-6, 1956

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National convention held September 3-6, 1956, Los Angeles.
 Estimated 100,000 Legionnaires attended. Meetings of Americanism Commission
 and Countersubversive Activities Committee began 8-31-56.

RESOLUTIONS AFFECTING FBI:

Four resolutions commending FBI presented to convention. These emanated from District of Columbia, Maryland, Tennessee, and the National Americanism Commission of the Legion. These resolutions coordinated into one which passed unanimously before full convention. Director's telegram to National Commander thanking Legion for commendation of FBI read before convention 9-6-56 and received with ovation. Press releases issued to wire services and newspapers regarding commendation of Director and FBI personnel. These releases carried by all Los Angeles papers (example attached).

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS:

Total of 91 resolutions considered by convention committees and brought before full convention. Seven resolutions condemned UNESCO. Four resolutions criticized the Fund for the Republic and called for speedy removal of tax-exempt status. Two resolutions called for congressional investigation into activities of American Civil Liberties Union and Emergency Civil Liberties Union. One resolution reflected that many charges had been made regarding communist infiltration into National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and that these charges should be investigated to determine whether true or false. Four resolutions called for restoration of states rights legislation regarding subversion, sedition, and communist control statutes. These resolutions specifically set forth that states rights were being usurped by Supreme Court. All foregoing resolutions mentioned were coordinated and passed successfully on floor of convention.

Enclosures
 cc-Mr. Belmont
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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER:

As Director had been previously advised, W. C. "Dan" Daniels was selected as the 1956-1957 National Commander. Daniels paid courtesy call upon Director in May, 1956. He is 42 years of age, makes good appearance, is excellent speaker, and very security-minded. Cooperation with Daniels should be excellent. A call was made on him during convention, at which time the Director's congratulations were expressed. A letter has been prepared also extending congratulations.

MISCELLANEOUS:

(1) Our book, "The FBI Story," is to be placed on the "must reading list" for all Legionnaires. This is a list maintained by national headquarters of the Legion and concerns all top-notch books recommended for reading by Legion members.

(2) Two thousand (2,000) copies of Director's article, "The Communist New Look - A Study in Duplicity," were disseminated by Legion staff members to delegates attending convention. Many favorable remarks were overheard regarding this article.

(3) FBI received a great deal of acclaim during convention as result of Weinberger and Riesel cases.

(4) Gordon W. Roselip, national executive committeeman from the State of Wisconsin, spoke extemporaneously before the Americanism Commission for approximately 15 minutes lauding the FBI and its work in the internal security field. He called upon the Legionnaires to offer constant support to the Bureau. Roselip has been very friendly for the past several years. DeLoach rose and thanked him for his commendatory remarks and included the fact that all members of the Americanism Commission had been of service to the FBI. Roselip's remarks were strictly voluntary and it is being recommended that the attached letter be forwarded to him thanking him for his remarks.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) A letter has already been forwarded to the new National Commander, "Dan" Daniels; consequently, no recommendation is being made concerning a letter to him in this memorandum.

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

(2) There is attached a suggested letter from the Director to outgoing National Commander J. Addington Wagner who was most cooperative during his term of office and who it is felt will continue to be a good friend in the future.

(3) There is attached a suggested letter to Gordon W. Roselip, national executive committeeman from Wisconsin, in accordance with the foregoing information.

(4) There is attached a suggested letter to William Hauck, Assistant National Adjutant of the American Legion, who made many commendatory remarks about the FBI during the convention and who introduced Messrs. Hanning and DeLoach to numerous influential members of the Legion.

(5) SAC John F. Malone was most helpful during the convention and spent numerous hours of overtime in meeting Legionnaires. He made a most favorable showing for the Bureau at the national commanders banquet. There is attached a suggested letter to Malone.

(6) Special Agent [redacted] Los Angeles, was very helpful in assisting in the arrangement of newspaper contacts and the handling of the press release given out concerning the Bureau. Special Agent [redacted] was also most helpful in the same regard and a suggested letter to him, as well [redacted] is attached.

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

(7) Special Agent Donald G. Hanning accompanied DeLoach to the convention and made a most favorable showing for the Bureau. Hanning is one of the few survivors of the Bataan death march and, as a result, is always regarded very highly in Legion circles. He, like DeLoach, attended all meetings of the Americanism Commission and the Countersubversive Activities Committee. He put in a large number of hours of overtime and is believed worthy of commendation regarding his performance. A suggested letter is attached.

DeLoach did a good
job & should be commended ^{W.W.}

Suggest letter go to
DeLoach also -

JB) Done 9-13-66

✓ *[Signature]*

September 20, 1956

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Mr. James F. Daniel, Jr.
Chairman
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
Post Office Box 456
Greenville, South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Daniel:

Many thanks for your kind letter of September 14,
1956.

You may be sure that Inspector C. D. DeLoach and Special Agent D. G. Hanning were very happy to be with you at your Los Angeles convention, and in accordance with your request, I am happy to designate them to attend the fall meeting of your Commission at Indianapolis about October 15. If you will advise me at your earliest convenience of the exact date you wish them to be present, the necessary arrangements can be made.

Your good words concerning the work of this Bureau are most encouraging.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar H.

CC - Inspector C. D. DeLoach, with copy of incoming.
CC - Mr. Hanning, with copy of incoming.

CC - Personnel file of Inspector C. D. DeLoach, with copy of incoming.
CC - Personnel file of Mr. D. G. Hanning, with copy of incoming.

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect limited past cordial correspondence with Daniel since 1936. Mr. Cartha Dekle DeLoach, Inspector in Records and Communications Division, EOD 8-31-42 as clerk, 12-14-42 as SA, GS-15. SA Hanning assigned to Crime Records Section, EOD 1-6-47 as SA, GS-13.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION - National
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

September 14, 1956

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

P. O. Box 456
Greenville, South Carolina

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Again we were privileged to have Inspector C. D. DeLoach and Special Agent D. G. Hanning with us at Los Angeles, and I want to thank you for allowing them to attend.

Both of them met for two days with our standing Commission, and then were most helpful in assisting us to dispose of 95 resolutions which had been assigned to the Convention Committee on Americanism.

The Fall meeting of our Commission will be at Indianapolis, probably about October 15, and it is hoped that Deke and Don can be with us at that time. Matters coming before us constantly are of such a nature that the counsel of these two gentlemen means much and is greatly appreciated.

More power to you in the great work you are doing, and best wishes always.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Daniel

JAMES F. DANIEL, JR., Chairman
National Americanism Commission

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: September 21, 1956

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLYDIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
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The captioned individual has served as Director of Public Relations for the American Legion for the past three years. He has been most friendly and very cooperative. He has been in DeLoach's home on a number of occasions and has openly expressed himself many times concerning his admiration for the Bureau. Kelly is leaving the American Legion October 1, 1956, to take over the job of public relations for the American Banking Association. This is an excellent promotion for him.

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James Day of Maine, a former National Vice Commander of the American Legion, is to succeed Kelly as Director of Public Relations. Kelly called DeLoach 9-19-56 and suggested having lunch on Monday, 9-24-56, in order to introduce the new Director of Public Relations before leaving. We, of course, have known Day through Legion contacts and he also appears quite friendly.

DeLoach plans to take Section Chief Courtney Evans along with him to the above luncheon in view of Mr. Kelly's future position with the American Banking Association. There is no doubt but what Kelly can do us a great deal of good in banking circles. Mr. Evans will have an entree with Kelly at any time he so desires.

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There is attached a suggested letter from the Director to Mr. Kelly thanking him for his past cooperation and wishing him well in his new position. There is nothing in Bureau files to preclude such a letter.

ACTION:

That the attached letter be forwarded to Mr. Kelly.

Enclosure sent 9-24-56
cc-Mr. Rosen (Mr. Evans)

Mr. Jones

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September 24, 1956

Mr. George Kelly
Director of Public Relations
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

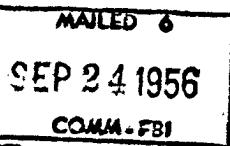
Inspector C. D. DeLoach has informed me on several occasions of the fine cooperation you have extended to him and to this Bureau during the time you have served as Director of Public Relations for the American Legion. We are indeed sorry that you are leaving but hasten to congratulate you upon your excellent promotion.

In the event we can be of any assistance to you in the future in your new position, it is certainly hoped you will not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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(cover memo from Nichols to Tolson 9-21-56 re "George Kelly, Director of Public Relations, The American Legion," prepared by CDD:jmr)

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THE AMERICAN LEGION - National

WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

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September 20, 1956

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mason	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamplin	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Winterrowd	
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Mr. Holloman	
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I appreciate more than I can express the congratulations and complimentary references to me from one for whom I have held so much admiration and esteem. Your outstanding record is an inspiration to all of us, and I only hope that I may be as wise in my judgement. I assure you I will make every effort to deserve your confidence and the trust placed in me by my fellow Legionnaires in selecting me as their National Commander.

We are deeply grateful to you for providing us the cooperation of your Bureau through Inspector DeLoach. His help has been invaluable to us, and I am looking forward to an even closer association with him and your good offices during the coming year.

With kindest regards, I am

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Sincerely yours, E. B. I.
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October 1, 1956

Honorable W. C. "Dan" Daniel
National Commander
The American Legion
American Legion National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Daniel:

Inspector C. D. DeLoach has informed me of his conversation with you on September 28, 1956, at which time you mentioned your very gracious remarks to President Eisenhower concerning my administration of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the activities of the FBI.

It was indeed very kind of you to comment as you did to the President, and I join my associates in expressing humble appreciation.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

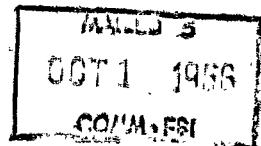
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FROM: National Public Relations Division, The American Legion
1608 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 26 -- American Legion National Commander W. C. (Dan) Daniel, 42, of Danville, Va., today told President Eisenhower that the Legion will support every effort to maintain a strong military establishment ~~as a deterrent to aggression~~ consistent with the nation's ability to pay. He said the Legion also will support selective foreign military aid but is opposed to continued economic aid to foreign countries, "which are victims of their own economic systems."

Highlighting the program adopted by The American Legion at its recent national convention in Los Angeles, Commander Daniel commended President Eisenhower for his appointment of Ben Fairless of U.S. Steel to study the entire foreign aid program. He told the President that Mr. Fairless commands "the respect and confidence of the American people and his evaluation of the foreign aid program could place this important question in a fresh and current perspective."

Discussing the Legion's program to aid disabled and needy veterans, Commander Daniel said that the organization would give first consideration in the next Congress to legislation providing an essential cost-of-living increase in compensation benefits paid service-connected disabled veterans. He emphasized to the President that the Legion again this year opposed general pensions for veterans but did reiterate its support of legislation to liberalize existing benefits for aged and disabled World War I veterans.

Commander Daniel also advised President Eisenhower in their conference that The American Legion during the coming year will:

1. Continue to champion the free enterprise system and support efforts to retain the proper balance between Federal, state and local governments.
2. Undertake a special non-partisan, "Get Out The Vote" campaign in the next six weeks to insure a record-breaking vote on November 6.
3. Promote a program teaching thrift and self-reliance in the nation's elementary school system.
4. Strengthen the Legion's existing "Back to God" religious emphasis program and the organization's nation-wide youth projects, such as high school oratorical contests, Boys' States, sponsorship of Boy Scout Troops, Legion Junior Baseball and other activities.

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*Daniel
Sept 26 1956
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mem to John
9-27-56
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Commander Daniel thanked the President for his interest in these projects, particularly the Back to God movement and the annual Boys' Nation program held in Washington. He also commended President Eisenhower for his personal emphasis of the importance of moral and spiritual values.

In concluding the 35-minute White House meeting, Commander Daniel told the Chief Executive of The American Legion's high regard for the "magnificent work" being done by J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI in exposing and opposing Communist subversion in this country.

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October 1, 1956

Mr. James F. Daniel, Jr.
Chairman
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
Post Office Box 456
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Daniel:

Your letter of September 25, 1956, has been received, and I am happy to advise that Inspector C. D. DeLoach and Special Agent D. G. Hanning will be with you on the dates you mentioned. Inspector DeLoach will be pleased to address the Department Commanders' and Adjutants' Conference on October 15 and the National Executive Committee on October 17.

Both he and Mr. Hanning, I know, are looking forward to the privilege of attending your Indianapolis meeting.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Indianapolis, with copy of incoming

cc - Inspector C. D. DeLoach, with copy of incoming
cc - SA D. G. Hanning, 4246, with copy of incoming

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NOTE: Bulet 9/20/56 advised Mr. Daniel that Messrs. DeLoach and Hanning would be present at this meeting. He was requested to notify of the exact dates. Separate letter of same date to National Commander Dan Daniel accepted invitation for Inspector DeLoach to address this group on October 15. It has been ascertained that October 15 is the correct date for DeLoach's address to Department Commanders' and Adjutants' Conference, rather than October 16 as reflected in incoming.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

September 25, 1956

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
P. O. Box 456
Greenville, South Carolina

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is with thanks I acknowledge your kind letter of September 20 wherein you advised Inspector C. D. DeLoach and Special Agent D. G. Hanning had been designated to attend the Fall meeting of our Commission at Indianapolis next month.

Yesterday I talked with the National Commander and he was delighted to learn that Deke and Don would be with us. He informed me that the dates of our meeting would be October 14 and 15.

The schedule calls for our Commission to report on Tuesday, October 16, to the Department Commanders' and Adjutants' Conference, and to the National Executive Committee on the following day. National Commander Daniel would like for Inspector DeLoach to address both of these groups at the time of our reporting, and I promised to transmit this information to you. Therefore, we hope it can be arranged for Mr. DeLoach to stay over through Wednesday, October 17.

Sincerely,

James F. Daniel Jr.
JAMES F. DANIEL, JR., Chairman
National Americanism Commission

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cc: National Commander W. C. Daniel

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THE
**AMERICAN BANKERS
ASSOCIATION**

730-15 Street, N. W.

Washington 5, D. C.
October 3, 1956

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Tolson
Mr. McNamee
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
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It was most kind of you to note the termination
of my service with the American Legion. I deeply appreciate
your generous comments.

It will be my loss if the change should result
in ending my association with Inspector DeLoach and the other
outstanding FBI representatives whom I have had the privilege
of knowing.

Sincerely yours,

George Kelly
George Kelly
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SK. 113 Honorable W. C. "Dan" Daniel
National Commander
The American Legion
American Legion National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Daniel:

Your letter dated September 24, 1956, has been received, and it is a pleasure to designate Inspector C. D. DeLoach to address your October 15 meeting in Indianapolis.

I have also advised the chairman of your National Americanism Commission, Mr. James F. Daniel, Jr., that both Inspector DeLoach and Special Agent Donald G. Hanning will be in attendance at Indianapolis during your fall meeting. You may be sure that both of these men are looking forward to again being with you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Indianapolis, with copy of incoming
cc - Donald G. Hanning, 4246, with copy of incoming
cc - Inspector DeLoach, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: Bulet of same date to James F. Daniel, Jr., Greenville, South Carolina, advised that Inspector DeLoach and SA Hanning would attend October 15 and 17 meetings at this conference.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

September 24, 1956

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Nease
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10/27/56

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

American Legion - National

The annual fall meetings of our National Executive Committee and newly elected Department Commanders and Adjutants will be held this year in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 14-16 and 17-19 respectively.

Last year we were honored to have Inspector C. D. DeLoach with us, as a guest speaker at the Department Commanders and Adjutants Conference, and the Inspector's address was so well received and was of such value to the new Department leaders that I was wondering if we could impose upon you to have Inspector DeLoach with us again this year.

If so, we would like to have him appear during the meeting on Monday, October 15. This will be a closed meeting for officials of The American Legion only, and no representatives of the press will be present.

Thanking you for your many past favors and courtesies, and with the sincere hope that you will find it possible to authorize Inspector DeLoach's attendance, I am

Very sincerely,

W. C. (DAN) Daniel

W. C. (DAN) DANIEL
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: September 21, 1956

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS *[initials]*

SUBJECT: ~~REPORTERS ROUNDUP!~~
 NATIONWIDE TV PROGRAM
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1956
 4:30 P.M.

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DC
 NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - N.C. DELOACH, NAT'L COMMANDER, Legion,

For the Director's information, ~~Dan~~ Daniel will appear as a guest on the captioned program on Sunday, September 23, 1956, at 4:30 P.M. This will be on Channel 5, WTTG-TV. ~~Jim~~ Lucas and ~~Ed~~ Prina will be the reporters interviewing Daniel. This program was kinescoped on Wednesday, 9-19-56, and will be shown on film on the captioned date.

At the National Commander's invitation, DeLoach met with him for lunch at the Carlton Hotel 9-17-56, at which time Daniel mentioned the fact that he would be questioned concerning communism, the Fund for the Republic, the American Civil Liberties Union, UNESCO, and various matters pertaining to internal security on the captioned program. DeLoach reviewed with him briefly public source material regarding the above matters and Daniel was most grateful.

On 9-19-56, following the program in question, Bill Hauck, the National Assistant Adjutant of the Legion, called and advised that the program had gone off very well and that the questions had been right down the line with the previous briefing of the National Commander. Both the National Commander and Hauck are, of course, aware that our contacts with the Legion in this regard are not to be revealed.

ACTION:

Following the program on Sunday, we will determine if a letter should be written over the Director's signature to Commander Daniel.

cc-Mr. Jones
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September 26, 1956

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Mr. William F. Hauck
Director
Washington Office
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hauck:

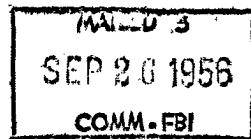
I want to thank you for your letter of September 21, 1956, and for the cordial invitation to attend a Homecoming celebration in honor of your National Commander, Dan Daniel, on September 28 and 29 at Danville, Virginia.

While I assure you I would consider it a great honor to be present at this celebration, an excessively heavy schedule of official commitments precludes this privilege. I have written to Mr. Daniel advising him of my inability to attend.

Your thoughtfulness in writing to me in this regard is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles reflect nothing derogatory re Hauck. There has been no prior correspondence with him. Bulet 9-26-56 to Mr. Daniel expresses Director's regrets. re invitation.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS

1608 K STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

NATIONAL

September 21, 1956

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Parsons
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Mr. Tamm
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Miss Gandy

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

The American Legion and the people of Danville, Virginia, are planning to honor National Commander Dan Daniel with a Homecoming celebration at Danville, September 28 and 29. 1956

Commander Daniel has expressed to me his very particular wish that you might find it possible to attend. The Commander is, of course, aware of the tremendous respect and admiration with which you are regarded by his fellow-citizens of Danville and of Virginia.

We all join him in the hope that your rigorous schedule may permit you to be present at Danville.

Sincerely yours,

Wm Hauck
WILLIAM F. HAUCK, Director
Washington Office

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: September 26, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION - NATIONAL
 DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS
 AND ADJUTANTS OF 48 STATES
 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 OCTOBER 14-17, 1956
 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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Past National Commander J. Addington Wagner, in October, 1955, requested the Director's permission for DeLoach to speak on communism before the 48 Department Commanders and Adjutants of the American Legion. Wagner mentioned that the meeting would be in closed executive session and that all members of the press would be barred. The Director approved acceptance of the invitation. We later had several favorable letters concerning the work of the FBI and there were many comments made concerning our work from the department commanders and adjutants. The talk was, of course, approved by the Domestic Intelligence Division prior to its delivery.

The present National Commander, Dan Daniel, has requested that a talk of similar nature be given October 15, 1956, before the department commanders and adjutants who again will be meeting in executive session in Indianapolis. Daniel asked DeLoach if the same talk could be given before the 48 members of the National Executive Committee of the American Legion. As did Wagner, Commander Daniel stated that the meeting would be in closed executive session on a strictly off-the-record basis and that members of the press would be barred. There appears to be no trouble in the above regard inasmuch as Legion headquarters in Indianapolis is a rather luxurious building which affords considerable privacy.

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 The Legion Department Commanders and Adjutants and the National Executive Committeemen are as a rule very high type men. Many of them are college professors, doctors, lawyers and other professional men. While it is recognized that we do not give public talks concerning communism, at the same time it is believed that the appearance last year caused no harm and, in fact, caused a great deal of interest in our work. It is, therefore, recommended that we accept Commander Daniel's invitation with the stipulation that DeLoach

cc - Mr. Jones

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September 26, 1956

reiterate to him that the meeting must be of a closed nature and that the Legion should take steps to see that the Legion officials in attendance be definitely warned that all remarks are off the record. The remarks in question will be submitted for approval well in advance of the above-mentioned dates.

ACTION:

As indicated above.

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to be used → [initials]
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approved 10/8/56 -
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Office Memo

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VERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: October 10, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY
SEPTEMBER 16 - 19, 1957

Tolson ✓
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Boardman ✓
Belmont ✓
Mason ✓
Mohr ✓
Parsons ✓
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Tamm ✓
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Re the Director's routing slip indicating a willingness to speak at the next National Convention of the American Legion. The next National Convention will be held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 16 - 19, 1957. This will be one of the largest Conventions in the last ten years due to the convenient geographical location of Atlantic City. Over 125,000 Legionnaires are expected to attend.

Dan Daniel, the National Commander, his staff and Legionnaires throughout the country will be elated if the Director can accept an invitation to appear before the National Convention. This is something the Legion has been trying to accomplish since 1946, the date of the Director's last appearance and the event at which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of the Legion, of which there have been few recipients. In fact, Commander Daniel mentioned informally only one week ago that it would certainly be a wonderful thing if the Director would consider accepting an invitation on the opening day of the Convention before the entire joint assembly of Legionnaires and Auxiliary delegates. He stated that if accepted, the Director's speech would easily be the highlight of the Convention. As stated above, the opening date will be September 16, 1957.

If permissible, I will have DeLoach mention to Commander Daniel on Sunday, 10/14/56 when he meets with him in Indianapolis, that the Director has been advised of the Legion's desires and will be glad to give them every consideration. Daniel will, of course, immediately forward a formal invitation in this regard.

ACTION: As indicated above.

cc - Mr. Holloman
cc - Mr. Jones

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 5744 1079

TO:

- Director
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Trotter
- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Holloman
- Miss Gandy
- Personnel Files Section
- Records Section
- Mrs. Skillman
- Mrs. Brown

Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Mohr
 Mr. Parsons
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Tamm
 Mr. Trotter
 Mr. Nease
 Mr. Winterrowd
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 Mr. Holloman
 Miss Gandy

See Me

For appropriate action

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Note and Return

I will be willing
 to speak directly
 to you concerning (orally)
 of General situation.
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 place?

Clyde Tolson

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Mr. J. Edward Lawler
[redacted]
Richmond 25, Virginia

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Dear Eddie:

I've been away from the office for more than a week and I appreciate finding your letter of October 2. I am very glad to learn of your friendship with Dan Daniels. The Director has already had the pleasure of meeting him and was very much impressed. Dan is also a close friend of one of the boys in my front office. Several weeks ago he was out at my house for dinner with Paul Harvey, the radio commentator from Chicago.

What the situation will be next September at the time of the Legion convention is something that is difficult to foretell. I do know that the Director is very much interested in addressing the Legion convention and, if it were possible for him to meet with any group, the Legion would be at the top of his list of preferences. From all indications we will probably have more information on this in the not too distant future.

I will certainly not hesitate to call upon you should the situation present itself.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

L. B. Nichols

H. M. Nichols

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CITY OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL

J. EDWARD LAWLER
MEMBER OF COUNCIL

HOME ADDRESS
5011 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
RICHMOND 25, VA.

October 2, 1956

American Legion National

Mr. Louis Nichols
Assistant to the Director
F. B. I. - Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear "Louie"

You will find enclosed a letter to "Dan" Daniels, the new National Commander of the American Legion. He is a good friend of mine and I have "ghosted" for him on "C" speeches.

The thought occurred to me the director maybe acceptable to speaking at the next annual convention or there may be some policy move desired.

Please let me hear from you if I can be of service to you.

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As Ever,

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October 2, 1956

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Mr. W. C. Daniel
Dan River Mills
Danville, Virginia

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Just a word to add my congratulations to those of your many friends. This personality profile of yours is a real compliment to a great guy.

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Dan, in the event I can help you in some small way with your greatly expanded duties, please feel free to call on me.

With highest esteem and best personal regards.

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As Ever,

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October 17, 1956

Honorable W. C. "Dan" Daniel
National Commander
The American Legion
American Legion National Headquarters
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

My dear Mr. Daniel;

Your letter of October 11, 1956, has been received, and I am very happy to advise, in response to your gracious invitation, that it will be a pleasure to address the 1957 National Convention of The American Legion at Atlantic City on September 17 or 18, 1957. I assure you I am looking forward to being with you on this occasion and will leave it up to you to select the date and time you wish me to speak.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

~~cc - Newark, with copy of incoming
cc - Mr. M. A. Jones, with copy of incoming~~

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OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

October 11, 1956

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Rosen
Mr. T...
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Nease
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

American Legion National

You may consider this premature or at least early to be thinking about our 1957 National Convention when my year is just beginning. You know, however, of my very high regard for you as an individual and of your work as head of the magnificent Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Our 1957 National Convention will be held in Atlantic City on September 16-19, and I would consider it a great honor to have you address our convention. I am aware that you are extremely busy, and if you feel that you can accept this invitation you may have your choice of September 17 or 18.

Looking forward to your favorable reply, and with kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

DATE: October 8, 1956

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: SPEECH BEFORE CLOSED SESSION OF
 DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS AND ADJUTANTS
 AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - National
 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, 10/15-17/56

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AMERICAN Legion

Dan Daniel, National Commander of the American Legion, no/115 recently requested the Director's permission for DeLoach to appear before the 48 Department Commanders and Adjutants of the American Legion on October 15, 1956, and before the National Executive Committee on October 17, 1956, to brief these groups concerning internal security and communism. Daniel mentioned that this was done last year and was much appreciated. He stated the meetings would be in closed executive sessions, on an off-the-record basis, and that newspaper representatives would be barred.

The Department Commanders and Adjutants and the National Executive Committee are, as a rule, made up of very high-type individuals of professional background. Many of these individuals are lawyers and college professors, etc.

There are attached the proposed remarks to be made at the above-scheduled meetings. There is believed to be nothing in the remarks which could cause us any embarrassment. All of this material has either appeared in various articles, newspapers, or in previous speeches. This memorandum has been routed through the Domestic Intelligence Division for approval.

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It is suggested that the attached address be approved for delivery at Indianapolis on the above-scheduled dates. It will again be referred upon arrival in Indianapolis, that these remarks are to be strictly off-the-record and in closed executive sessions.

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Enclosure cc-Mr. Belmont

Mr. Jones

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INTRODUCTION

It is indeed a pleasure to be with you once again to discuss a matter of mutual interest and concern. The FBI is, of course, deeply interested in the good work the American Legion is doing to promote the security of our Nation. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover has often stated the loyal and dedicated men like you represent the Nation's front line of defense. In such capacity there is a need for you to know facts concerning internal security. I would like to give you some of those facts here in this session.

MENACE OF COMMUNISM

Today, as for the past decade, the greatest menace to the internal security of the Nation and our way of life is the Communist Party, USA. This organization drawing upon a generation of experience in stealth and deception is, as you know, working unceasingly to destroy our democratic form of Government.

In actual numbers the Communist Party is small--today having roughly 20,000 members. However, the strength of the Party does not lie in numbers alone. The Party itself, as you have often read, claims that for every member there are 10 other persons ready to serve the Party's work. This gives the Party a great reserve strength. Moreover, these 20,000 members are fanatical, hard core and well trained. They represent the disciplined corps of communism, ready to obey implicitly the Party's instructions.

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Furthermore, we should not be hoodwinked by the comparatively small numerical size of the Party. The record clearly shows that Communist Parties have the power of swift and solid growth when favorable situations arise. When the Communist Party was at its peak in the United States a decade ago, it had more members than the Soviet Communist Party when it took control of more than 100,000,000 persons. In Italy, the Communist Party once dwindled to only 15,000 members and then like a cancer cell it rapidly increased to more than 2,000,000. In Red China, a small inconsequential party of less than 10,000 grew to more than 6,000,000.

As I have previously stated, today the Communist Party, USA, consists of the best trained, most completely hardened, capable and dangerous members of the Party. It is this group that has capabilities of rendering effective service to the espionage systems of foreign communist nations. It is this group that can furnish supplies, "covers," arrange introductions with persons whom foreign agents wish to meet. These are only a few of the many services which the Communist Party is capable of rendering the espionage systems of foreign communist nations now directed against the security of the United States.

CURRENT PUBLIC FEELING CONCERNING THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Unfortunately, there is a widespread feeling throughout the United States that the Communist Party today does not represent a menace to our Nation. As you and I know this is indeed a dangerous and false sense of security which the

Communist Party has deliberately fostered. People who believe this have been lulled by the recent downgrading of Stalin. Such thinking is in keeping with the old Leninist principle that communism must be built with non-communist hands. Also, it is in keeping with his advice that communists must make concessions and compromises, must zig-zag, retreat, and even conceal the truth on occasions, in order to ultimately reach communist goals.

When American Communists talk of coexistence and transition to socialism by Constitutional means, let them prove their sincerity first by rejecting the basic principles of Marxism--Leninism which in plain simple language means--world domination by revolution if infiltration isn't possible. America must not be tricked by relaxing its vigil. Our American heritage and liberty will be preserved from the menace of communism only by the continued vigilance of all loyal Americans. American Communists come out of the same alien mold which produces communists in other lands. They are no different than the communists who have come to power in 17 of the world's countries bringing under their tyranny 40% of the world's inhabitants and one-fourth of the world's surface. I believe the most important task and the greatest service to this Nation that the American Legion can perform is to constantly keep these facts before the American public so that they will not relax their vigilance. You have done an outstanding job in this regard in the past. I am sure you will do an even better job in the future.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

And now let's take a look at the Communist Party, USA, as it stands in the United States today. For the first time in many years, the communist program in the United States has exhibited some dissension within its ranks. This dissension has been caused primarily by the vigorous and unrelenting campaign of the FBI and the Federal Government. Communist leaders now admit that the Communist Party in the United States has lost members. On September 22, 1956, in a resolution, they sought to divert public attention by claiming allegiance to the United States and publicly proclaiming a severance of their umbilical cord from the Soviet motherland. They fooled no one by this tactic. As in the past, they must be judged by their acts not words, which on the record prove meaningless. While the Party is in a state of flux at the present time, it continues to be the most dangerous subversive organization within the United States. This dangerousness is primarily because the Party continues its strict adherence to Marxist-Leninist principles and because of its long-established loyalty to the Soviet Union. The Party maintains strict discipline through "democratic centralism" which demands that all decisions of higher bodies be absolutely binding on lower bodies.

At the present time within the Party there is a struggle for leadership. Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Party, upon his return to Party activities early in January, 1956, began immediately to form a new Party leadership around himself and began to criticize and push aside William Z. Foster, national chairman. Dennis selected John Gates, Max Weiss, Fred Fine and other important Communist Party leaders to help him consolidate his leadership position

over Foster. At the enlarged national committee meeting held in April, 1956, Dennis delivered the main political report to the meeting. In his report Dennis was critical of the Party's program over the last ten-year period. He called for re-evaluation and reappraisal. He emphasized that the Party in the last decade has become isolated from the American people through its adherence to erroneous and unrealistic concepts and policies. He called for a new united front approach with the view of eventually establishing a broad party of socialism in the United States of which the Communist Party, USA, will be a part.

In his reply to the critical attack of Dennis, William Z. Foster, national chairman, endeavored to defend his leadership of the Party during the last ten years. However, with one exception, all those individuals who participated agreed with Dennis' views. This internal struggle continues and is a serious thorn in the side of the Party.

The 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union held February 14-24, 1956, in Moscow had a tremendous impact on the CPUSA. The two developments at the 20th Congress which provoked the most reaction with the CPUSA were the two speeches made by Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary. On the first day of this Congress, Khrushchev raised the question of peaceful transition for Socialism in certain countries. He was certainly speaking of countries already within the orbit of the Soviet conspiracy and not the United States. He further stated, "In the countries where Capitalism is still strong and has a huge military and police apparatus at its disposal, the reactionary forces will,

of course, inevitably offer severe resistance. There the transition to Socialism will be attended by a sharp class revolutionary struggle." Although he did not name the United States, what other country could Khrushchev have had in mind when he made this statement?

This speech of Khrushchev's asserting that there are various ways to achieve Socialism has come at an opportune time for the CPUSA. The Party has been trying since 1954 to find ways and means of circumventing the effectiveness of the Smith Act of 1940 which penalizes advocating the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence. One hundred and eight Party leaders have been convicted under this Statute since 1949. The leaders hope to persuade the American people and the courts that the CPUSA no longer seeks the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence. As proof of this statement the Washington Post and Times Herald on October 5 carried a story headlined "Communist Party Seeks New Hearing on Loyalty" (See Exhibit 1 attached). The speech by Khrushchev is just another propaganda weapon which the CPUSA has twisted for its own benefit in its current attempt to hoodwink the American people into believing that it is a bona fide political party on the American scene.

THE DENOUNCEMENT OF STALIN

In his second speech, Khrushchev denounced "the cult of the individual" and outlined the crimes committed by Stalin over a 20-year period.

This denunciation of Stalin came as a tremendous shock to the CPUSA. It came at the time when the Party leaders were making a reappraisal of the Party program and errors committed over the past decade. While the Party leaders have been able to resolve to a large degree the position the CPUSA should take with regard to the Soviet Union, there still exists considerable confusion and disillusion within the Party. The report of this speech has caused considerable concern and factional activity inside the Communist Party, USA. At an enlarged national committee meeting held in June, 1956, a heated disagreement developed reflecting a split among the Party's national leaders as to the extent that the Communist Party, USA, should criticize the Soviet Union. The opposing factions in this dispute are general secretary Eugene Dennis and John Gates, editor-in-chief of the Daily Worker. The Dennis faction is of the opinion that the Communist Party, USA, has already gone far enough if not too far in criticizing the Soviet Union. He is urging the Party to adopt the view that it must retain the fraternal ties with the Soviet Union and the other socialist nations since all are part of the international socialist movement and share common problems. Gates on the other hand is supporting a more outspokenly critical attitude toward the Soviet Union which has been reflected in the editorial policy of the Daily Worker. He was so perturbed by criticism of his editorials that he resigned his position but no action has been taken on this resignation in view of the adoption of a statement by the Party's national committee in June, 1956. This statement criticized the Soviet Union and described the Communist Party, USA, as "an independent Marxist party of

American workers dedicated to socialism."

A national convention has been scheduled for February 9 through February 12, 1957, for the CPUSA. This is the first convention to be held since 1950. The final decisions made at this important national convention will reflect the extent of repercussions the 20th Congress held in Moscow has had on the CPUSA. Decisions will be made as to whether the CPUSA should be modified only slightly, maintaining adherence to most of the Marxist-Leninist dogmas and looking toward the Soviet Union for guidance, or whether the CPUSA will be completely reorganized along broad Marxist-Socialist lines, dropping many of the Lenin dogmas that have isolated the Party, and basing its further day-to-day activities on American viewpoints rather than looking toward the Soviet Union for leadership.

Perhaps the biggest and most sensitive thorn in the side of the Party has been the unrelenting campaign of the Federal Government using the Smith Act as its weapon. Since January of 1953, a total of 77 communist leaders have been convicted in Federal Court of Smith Act violations. As mentioned previously, there have been 108 such convictions since 1949. At the present time, 22 communist leaders are awaiting trial. The judicial determinations that the Communist Party is a criminal conspiracy dedicated to the eventual overthrow of the Government of the United States have exposed the communist propaganda that they are a political party for the falsehood that it is.

Smith Act prosecutions represent an offensive on only one front. Since January, 1953, other prosecutions have resulted in 33 convictions for making false statements or making false affidavits. There have been 5 convictions for perjury, 5 for espionage and theft of Government documents and 4 for harboring communist fugitives. You can well imagine the intensive investigation the FBI has had to keep up on various fronts to obtain the facts necessary for the Justice Department to prosecute and convict these individuals.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Today, too, there is agitation in some quarters to do away with the confidential informant. To take this step would be to weaken the effectiveness of the FBI in meeting the communist challenge. Stealth must be fought with stealth, and as the Communist Party cloaks its activities in darkness, we must send our informants into that darkness to shed light on what is happening. Since January of 1953, a total of 27 one-time trusted comrades were called to the witness stand where they revealed their real identity as confidential informants of the FBI. We have been able to penetrate the Party so effectively that its leaders concluded in the Spring of 1956 that the Party had no real secrets from the FBI, that its underground apparatus had become ineffective, and it was consequently curtailed. To do away with the confidential informant would be to greatly lessen our operations in the never-ceasing fight we are waging against the Communist Party.

THE COMMUNIST UNDERGROUND TODAY

Several basic underlying causes have brought about the present slackening of activity of the underground apparatus of the Communist Party. There has been the feeling within top Party circles that a more favorable political climate exists as a result of the Geneva Conference in July, 1955, and the realization that FBI penetration of the communist underground had long since reached the point where secret operations were somewhat impossible.

Since its return to open activities the Party has been considerably concerned over the price it has had to pay for its last underground venture. William Z. Foster, general secretary of the Communist Party, USA, in defense of his leadership of the Party over the past ten years laid blame on the National Board for putting the Party underground, noting that it had cost the Party one-third of its membership. Some bitterness toward the over-all underground operation was also expressed by a few of the rank-and-file members who had been called upon by the Party to serve in one capacity or another. With all of the criticism, however, there is no indication that the Communist Party intends to abandon the basic Marxist-Leninist concept that there must always be an illegal apparatus paralleling the organizational structure of the open or legal Communist Party. Continued absence from established areas of operation by a number of Party members as well as data furnished by established sources tends to indicate that the Communist Party is continuing to adhere to this basic Marxist-Leninist doctrine.

The Party has given little attention to the future operation of the underground apparatus since being subjected to considerable internal strife caused by the revelation of Khrushchev's speech before the Executive Session of the Twentieth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. However, the Communist Party has indicated that it cannot in the future maintain an underground apparatus staffed by the same personnel for a period of several years and still avoid detection by the FBI. Therefore, current and future operations of the underground may be essentially of a reserve character. Persons in such a status will be periodically rotated and primarily engaged in hiding out in a fugitive-type existence so that in the event the Federal Government institutes widespread prosecutive action against the Communist Party this reserve or inoperative group can assume leadership. It will act as a replacement for the arrested open leaders and preserve the continuity of Communist Party organization and programs.

Even though the Party has returned to open operations, it continues to be extremely security conscious. There has been no relaxation of its efforts to constantly warn all districts of the need for complete security in their activities and to detect informants in their midst. Certain leading functionaries have been assigned the task of reviewing and analyzing the past five-year period of the Party's operations.

FRONT OPERATIONS

In the days ahead, there can be no relaxation. With the Party above ground again, vigilance will be needed to combat its activities. The Party of 1956, though small, is a higher disciplined organization of well-

trained men and women driven by fanaticism who will work entirely for the Party's cause.

The Party can, as we all know, secure great strength through front groups. The communists will now undoubtedly intensify this activity. In this manner, the communist exploit a favorite trick of hoodwinking noncommunists. All too often noncommunists lend their names for officers, advisors or consultants to communist fronts. The real control, however, remains with the Party.

Great emphasis is now being laid on industrial concentration, that is placing members in strategic positions in basic industry. This, of course, is a continuation of the teachings of Lenin. This is what has been referred to previously as the Party's colonization program which is one of the most dangerous segments of the communist attack.

Is there a propaganda program today by the communist? Yes. The Party continues to engage in a powerful propaganda program designed to strengthen the position of the Soviet Union and weaken this Nation. The Communist Party is openly agitating for example for the destruction of our atomic bombs and the stopping of nuclear weapons research, the withdrawal of American troops from abroad and the reduction of the military expenses. Moreover, the communist are trying to do everything they can to sow seeds of dissension between America and her allies. All this, of course, is to promote the rise of communism.

It has indeed been a pleasure to appear before you once again. The American Legion and the FBI long years ago joined hands to protect the best interests of our country. This friendship has grown constantly and has prospered.

Mr. Hoover is very grateful for your cooperation and deep interest in the security of our country. As always, it is an honor to work with you.
Thank you.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1956

TO:

Director
 Mr. Tolson, 5744
 Mr. Boardman, 5736
 Mr. Belmont, 1742
 Mr. Mohr, 5517
 Mr. Parsons, 7621
 Mr. Rosen, 5706
 Mr. Tamm, 5256
 Mr. Trotter, 4130 IB
 Mr. Sizoo, 1742

 Mr. Nichols, 5640
 Mr. McGuire, 5642
 Mr. Wick, 5634
 Mr. DeLoach, 5636
 Mr. Morgan, 5625

 Mr. Jones, 4236
 Mr. Leonard, 6222 IB
 Mr. Waikart, 7204
 Mr. Eames, 7206
 Mr. Wherry, 5537

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 For appropriate
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Mr. Nease, 5744
 Miss Gandy, 5633
 Mr. Holloman, 5633

 Records Branch
 Pers. Records, 6631
 Reading Room, 5531
 Mail Room, 5533
 Teletype, 5644
 Code Room, 4642
 Mechanical, B-110
 Supply Room, B-216
 Tour Room, 5625

 Miss Lurz *bij*
 Mrs. Faber
 Miss McCord
 Miss Rogers
 Miss Loper
 Miss Price

Note & Return

L. B. Nichols
Room 5640, Ext. 691

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: October 22, 1956

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS *lbp*

SUBJECT: COMMANDERS AND ADJUTANTS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 14-16, 1956;

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 16-18, 1956

THE AMERICAN LEGION

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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Messrs. DeLoach and Hanning met with the captioned groups beginning Sunday, October 14, 1956. DeLoach appeared before the Commanders and Adjutants on Monday, October 15, 1956, and before the National Executive Committee, October 18, 1956. Both talks appeared to be well received. A resolution was passed following the second talk which commended the Director and the FBI and thanked the Director for allowing FBI representatives to appear on the program. This resolution will be forwarded to the Director by the National Commander.

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Paul Harvey, national commentator, also appeared before the National Executive Committee. He made reference to the FBI during his talk and deplored the fact that the FBI was not allowed to meet Russian espionage with the proper tools. He had the subject of wire tapping in mind and used the Judith Coplon case as an example, noting that Coplon had not been brought up for prosecution the second time due to the fact that wire tapping had been used yet could not be brought out in Federal Court. Harvey was most complimentary of the Bureau and was thanked by DeLoach following his speech.

James O'Neil, publisher of all Legion publications, has been made thoroughly familiar with the forthcoming publication "The FBI Story: A Report to the People" and is enthusiastic about the book's potential reception by Legionnaires throughout the country. O'Neil will give the book a good spread in "The American Legion" magazine and has requested galley proofs so that several articles can be written concerning the book. I have already furnished him background information concerning both Don Whitehead and the book.

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National Commander Daniel told DeLoach he was very enthused over the Director's willingness to address the national convention in 1957. The Legion anticipates 125,000 members at this convention.

cc-Mr. Jones *100*

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

The National Americanism Commission of the Legion on Sunday, October 14, 1956, drew up a resolution condemning former Senator Harry P. Cain and calling on the Legion not to accept membership dues from Cain in the future. Other resolutions concerned support of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act and matters pertaining to a junior baseball program.

ACTION:

For information.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Chapman	✓
Mr. Dunn	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓
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The case will go to the U. S. Supreme Court on appeal. The Board has later ruled that the Labor Youth League and the Jefferson School are Communist-front organizations. The ACLU has intervened on the issue of the party's being required to register, on the ground that some of the party's activities are legitimate and may not be circumscribed." (See 35th Annual Report of the American Civil Liberties Union, July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955, pages 27 and 28).

COMMUNIST CONTROL ACT OF 1954. The ACLU in its own report states: "Testing of the constitutionality of this law has hardly begun." Bert Salwen, Communist candidate for county freeholder in Trenton, N.J., was removed from the ballot under this law; an intervening brief was filed by the ACLU; the decision went against Salwen who will apparently not appeal. Another 1954 law, requiring registration of communist printing presses will be vigorously opposed by the ACLU if enforcement is attempted." (See 35th Annual Report of the American Civil Liberties Union, July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955, page 28).

The ACLU further states that: "Philadelphia ACLU has continued its fight in the past year against the state's Pechan Act which required signing of a loyalty oath or other basis for loyalty certification of all employees of the state or of state-aided institutions. The Act has been misused in action against teachers and others whose continued employment in no way contravenes the provision of the Act. According to ACLU's Philadelphia branch, 'To date, so far as we know, the loyalty oath provision of the Act has resulted only in the dismissal of eight state employees with conscientious scruples against taking the oath and against whom not the slightest suspicion has been breathed. Other provisions of the Act seem to have been equally ineffective.'" (See 35th Annual Report of the American Civil Liberties Union, July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955, page 33).

VICTORY IN WISCONSIN

"The (Madison, Wisc.) Capitol Times" of October 2 reported that the Labor Youth League had ceased to exist at the University of Wisconsin when it failed to register. Matthew Chapperon, the former chairman of the group was quoted as saying that the local chapter was "completely and permanently dissolved."

The Department of Wisconsin had protested vigorously against the fact that the Labor Youth League, an organization which had been officially cited as subversive by the U. S. Attorney General, had been permitted to operate openly on the campus of the University of Wisconsin.

The effects of this victory of The American Legion will be felt by left-wing groups on whatever college campus they may be active. In closing down the Labor Youth League at Wisconsin the Communist Party lost the respectability and standing which the LYL achieved by its open activity in the campus of a great University. To the Communist Party any loss of such prestige is a defeat. Renewed Communist activity at other key universities and colleges may well be expected.

To those Legionnaires led by immediate Past Department Commander Emory Sipple who weathered the verbal abuse of the left-wing and liberal groups from all parts of the country we offer our sincere praise and commendation.

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AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

The American Legion has asked the House Un-American Activities Committee to investigate the American Civil Liberties Union. National Commander W. C. "Dan" Daniel has telephoned Rep. Francis E. Walter, of Pennsylvania, Committee Chairman, urging such an investigation in keeping with a resolution passed by the Legion's recent National Convention in Los Angeles.

At the same time, Commander Daniel called on the American Civil Liberties Union to prove that "the Communist Party in the United States does not constitute a danger, as it contended in a recent brief which it filed before the Supreme Court."

"The Brief", he explained, "urges the Supreme Court to reverse the conviction of 16 communists under the Smith Act."

Commander Daniel challenged the American Civil Liberties Union suggestion that "the strength of the communist party has been so slight since 1950 that it could not be supposed that any attempt to overthrow the government by force would be feasible in the foreseeable future."

Asserting that The American Legion disagrees strongly with such an assumption, Commander Daniel said:

"The validity and constitutionality of the Smith Act are not dependent upon the relative strength of the Communist Party in the United States. Those who suggest otherwise might just as well contend that a murderer of only a few persons should be released because he didn't kill hundreds or thousands of people."

Commander Daniel called on the American Civil Liberties Union "to reconcile its position with finding of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover that there are at least ten fellow travelers and sympathizers in this country for each of the more than 21,000 card carrying members of the communist party in the United States".

He also called on that organization "to justify its brief in the face of evidence from Congressional Committees that the Communist Party in this country is a Russian-inspired, Moscow dominated, anti-American, quasi-military conspiracy against our government ideals and our freedoms."

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If the American Civil Liberties Union has evidence to refute the findings of the FBI and Congressional Committees concerning the danger of the Communist conspiracy in this country, it owes it to the American people to make known such evidence", Commander Daniel said.

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Acknowledging that his challenge places The American Legion in open opposition to the American Civil Liberties Union, Commander Daniel declared "we welcome this challenge, The American Legion stands ready to battle that organization or any other group we believe is not serving the best interest of our country. If need be, we stand ready to educate the American Civil Liberties Union in the fundamental facts of life concerning the true nature and danger of the communist conspiracy".

"It is tragic that any Americans could be so ignorant of or indifferent to these facts. They need not be because a realistic and objective review of the past will reveal that the communist conspiracy does pose a present and dangerous threat to the safety and security of the United States, the position of the American Civil Liberties Union to the contrary notwithstanding."

WHERE DOES THE ACLU STAND IN REGARD
TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY?

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The American Civil Liberties Union on September 8, 1956 filed an Amicus Curiae Brief on behalf of two groups of convicted Communists. The first group consisted of:

Oleta O'Connor Yates, Henry Steinberg, Loretta Starvus Stack, Frank Efrim Spector, Albert Jason Lima, Carl Rude Lambert, Rose Chernin Kusniak, Ernest Otto Fox, Ben Dobbs, Dorothy Healey Connelly, and Frank Carlson.

The second group consisted of: Stephen Mesarosh, also known as Steve Nelson, Benjamin L. Careathers, Irving Weissman, James H. Dolsen, and William Albertson.

To recount the activities engaged in by these individuals to destroy our country would take volumes. Each of them has been found guilty of violation of federal statutes in a United States Federal Court. Both of these cases are now up for review by the United States Supreme Court. IN ITS BRIEF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION ASKS THE SUPREME COURT TO REVERSE THE CONVICTION OF THESE COMMUNIST LEADERS.

By its Brief the ACLU endeavors to show that the Communist Party does not constitute a menace to the United States.

"Affirmatively, the evidence would tend to support the opinion that the strength of the Communist Party has been so slight since 1950 that it could not be supposed that an attempt to overthrow the government of the United States by force and violence would be feasible in the foreseeable future, or that the Party could recruit any sizeable number of its sympathizers to aid it in the commission of illegal acts outside the framework of our existing democratic institutions." (See Brief For American Civil Liberties Union, Amicus Curiae In The Supreme Court of The United States, October Term, 1956, cases No. 6 - No. 20; page 21).

This contention by the ACLU was disproved recently, by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, when he stated:

"These are the things I think of when people ask me, 'Can the danger be great when the membership of the Communist Party USA is consistently falling? Is there an existing danger if Party membership numbers only about 20,000 persons?'"

"To that I can only say that numbers mean nothing and that those nations which have attempted to assess the threat of communism on the basis of numerical strength alone are eating the bitter bread of slavery for their shortsightedness."

"The Communist Party in the United States presently numbers an estimated 20,000; however, this group is a fanatical, dedicated body of individuals operating under the strict discipline which the Communist Party imposes. The investigations we have conducted indicate beyond doubt that the Communist Party, USA, wears a foreign label which can be interpreted to mean: 'Property of the U.S.S.R. -- subject to orders from Moscow. . .'"

"The Communist Party, USA, is not 'just another political party' as its adherents and apologists would have you believe. It is a fifth column which no American who values his freedom can afford to ignore. Its most menacing quality is its ability to pursue inflexible objectives--fixed, unvarying goals--by means of flexible tactics. Falsehood, trickery, and cold-blooded deception are part and parcel of the communist plan of action." (See "The Elks Magazine", August 1956).

In summation the ACLU Brief contended that:

"On the basis of our examination of the strength and influence of the Communist Party in the United States, as compared to the strength of this nation's political institutions and the healthiness of its economy, we believe it clear that whatever the danger from the Communist Party may be, it comes not from petitioners' participation in a conspiracy to teach and advocate, but from 'enforced silence.'" (See Brief For American Civil Liberties Union, Amicus Curiae In The Supreme Court of the United States, October Term, 1956, cases No. 6 - No. 20; page 27).

This position taken by the ACLU was likewise discredited by Mr. Hoover when he stated:

"The fact that some Communist Party leaders have been convicted in American courts of conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence has not deterred the Party. It is readying itself for an intense new effort in a new disguise. Behind the exploitation of the coexistence theme are underlying sinister objectives: chiefly, the relaxing of America's security measures. The specific goal is to obtain a repeal or nullification of the Smith Act of 1940, the Internal Security Act of 1950, and other anti-communist legislation in order that the Communist Party can expand its operation without further fear of prosecution." (See "The Elks Magazine", August 1956).

OTHER ACTIVITY BY THE ACLU

INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950. The ACLU in its own report states: "Title I of this Act establishes the Subversive Activities Control Board and late last year the Communist Party of the United States challenged the Board's order that the Party must register as a Communist action organization. The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia handed down a decision on December 23 confirming the Board's order. In a 2-1 decision, the court ruled that the Communist Party, as proved by government witnesses and documentary evidence, had, as one of its goals the overthrow of the government of the United States, and since, 'The right of free expression ceases where it leads to harm to the government' the Board had the right to demand registration as a means of national protection."

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TO : Director, FBI

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FROM: *JB* SAC, Indianapolis (136-0)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SUBJECT: ① AMERICAN LEGION
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During the week of October 14, 1956, the state commanders and adjutants held their annual meeting at National Headquarters of the American Legion in Indianapolis, together with several national committees of the Legion.

Inspector C. D. DeLOACH and SA DONALD G. HANNING of the Bureau represented the FBI at these meetings. Inspector DeLOACH delivered two addresses before two separate meetings of Legion groups.

I attended the meeting of the state commanders and adjutants when Inspector DeLOACH delivered his address. He made a splendid speech and represented the Bureau in an outstanding manner. I was particularly impressed by the warm and cordial reception both he and SA HANNING received from the national leaders of the Legion. It was quite obvious both of these Bureau representatives have been highly successful in promoting excellent relations with top-ranking Legion officials.

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I thought you would be interested to know that a large number of the officials from other areas with whom I talked were very high in their praise of Inspector DeLOACH and SA HANNING and remarked most favorably about the close cooperation between the Legion and the FBI.

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October 29, 1956

Ex. 12 Honorable W. C. "Dan" Daniel
National Commander
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

My dear Mr. Daniel:

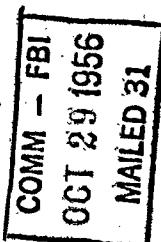
Inspector C. D. DeLoach has referred to me your very considerate letter of October 22, 1956, concerning his attendance at your recent meetings in Indianapolis.

I know that Mr. DeLoach greatly appreciated the opportunity of attending these events, and it is good to know he was so well received.

As you know, we stand ready to be of aid whenever possible.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



cc - Inspector C. D. DeLoach, with copy of incoming.

cc - Personnel file of Inspector C. D. DeLoach, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: There has been very cordial correspondence with Mr. Daniel. Inspector DeLoach addressed referenced Indianapolis American Legion meetings October 15 and 17.

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October 22, 1956

Inspector C. D. DeLoach
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Deke:

It was good to have you with us during our meetings in Indianapolis, and I want you to know how much I appreciated having you appear on our program. You were certainly well received by everyone in attendance. We have come to look forward to hearing you, for your material is always very valuable and most ably presented.

With kindest personal regards and every good wish, I am

Very sincerely,

Dan
W. C. "DAN" DANIEL

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Mr. James V. Day
Director
National Public Relations Division
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Day:

I have received your very thoughtful letter of October 24, 1956, and deeply appreciate your commendatory remarks concerning Inspector C. D. DeLoach's recent appearance at your fall conference in Indianapolis.

It is certainly good to know that Mr. DeLoach's message met with such approval, and I assure you he considered it a great honor to be in attendance. He will be advised of your good words, and I know that he also will be very grateful for your consideration in writing.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Inspector C. D. DeLoach, with copy of incoming.

cc - Personnel file of Inspector C. D. DeLoach, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: There is nothing derogatory in Bufiles re Mr. Day who is the new director of National Public Relations, The American Legion. Inspector DeLoach spoke at referenced conference on October 15 and 17.

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October 24, 1956

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Ames Legion - National

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Inspector "Deke" DeLoach's appearance before our recent National Executive Committee meeting in Indianapolis was one of the high-lights of the fall conference.

It was indeed gratifying to observe the great amount of interest on the part of those present during Inspector DeLoach's talk.

The material which he covered, and the manner in which it was presented, reflected great credit on the Federal Bureau of Investigation - an agency which is so highly respected.

Sincerely,

James V. Day
JAMES V. DAY, Director
National Public Relations
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October 31, 1956

Mr. Howard Fletcher
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
506 Old Post Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Howard:

Inasmuch as the Counter-Subversive Section of the National Americanism Commission is being moved to Washington, we have subscribed to the DAILY WORKER and other subversive publications under the name of "Samuel X Peeky", P.O. Box 678, Washington 4, D.C.

Sincerely yours,

LEE R. PENNINGTON,
Assistant Director

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cc - C. D. DeLoach

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Mr. C. D. DeLoach, Inspector
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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(C) Dear Deke:

As I previously informed you the Counter-Subversive Section of the National Americanism Commission, which has been moved to Washington, has subscribed to 20 Communist and subversive periodicals in the name of "Samuel Seeky," P. O. Box 678, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington 4, D.C. There is set forth below a list of the organizations whose publications have been subscribed to for use in connection with our Counter-Subversive activities:

ADDRESS

Daily Worker & The Worker
Publishers New Press, Inc.
35 East 12th Street
New York 3, New York

"National Guardian"
Weekly Guardian Associates, Inc.
197 East 4th Street
New York 9, New York

Industrial Workers of the World
2422 North Halsted Street
Chicago 14, Illinois

The Militant Publishing Association
116 University Place
New York 3, New York

"New World Review"
23 West 26th Street
New York 10, New York

"Daily People's World", EX-117 17 NOV 15 1956
Pacific Publishing Foundation, Inc.
81 Clementina St.
San Francisco 5, California

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"Daily Worker" &
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"National Guardian"

"Industrial Worker"

"The Militant"

"New World Review"

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832 Broadway
New York 3, New York

"Political Affairs"

New Century Publishers
832 Broadway
New York 3, New York

"Mainstream"

"The New International"
111 West 14th Street
New York 11, New York

"The New International"

"Labor Action"
111 West 14th Street
New York 11, New York

"Labor Action"

The Physicians Form, Inc.
510 Madison Avenue
New York 2, New York

"The Bulletin"

International Longshoremen's
and Warehousemen's Union
150 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco 2, California

"The Dispatcher"

Farm Research, Inc.
39 Cortlandt Street
New York 7, New York

"Facts for Farmers"

The Militant Publishing Association
116 University Place
New York 3, New York

"Fourth International"

"Jewish Life"
22 East 17th Street, Room 601
New York 3, New York

"Jewish Life"

"March of Labor"
799 Broadway
New York 18, New York

"March of Labor"

Methodist Federation For Social Action
P. O. Box 327
Gresham, Oregon

"Social Questions
Bulletin"

"Northeastern Union Farmer"
112 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, New York

"Northeastern Union
Farmer"

Mr. C. D. DeLoach

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United Electrical, Radio & Machine
Workers of America
11 East 51st Street
New York 22, New York

"U.E. News"

"USSR Illustrated Monthly
1706 Eighteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 9, D.C.

"USSR Magazine"

Sincerely yours,


LEE R. PENNINGTON,
Assistant Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 11/8/56

FROM : H. L. Edwards *H.L. Edwards*SUBJECT: VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Department of Justice has forwarded a notice to all employees from Commander William C. Brewer of the Department's American Legion Post advising that the annual ceremony commemorating Veterans Day, November 11, 1956, will be conducted by the Post in the Great Hall from 10:55 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on Friday, November 9.

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The notice invites all employees to attend and states that the Attorney General has said anyone wishing to attend will be excused from work to do so.

The memorial address will be given by Assistant Attorney General George C. Doub. The U. S. Army Band will play and the Legion's National Guard of Honor will also participate.

Copies of the notice were sent to the Executives Offices and to each Assistant Director. Unless advised to the contrary, this matter will be brought to the attention of the Biweekly Conference on 11/8/56, and Divisional Representatives will be requested to see that veterans in each division are made aware of the ceremony so that they may attend if they choose.

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Mr. Parsons	Mr. A.E. Leonard
Mr. Rosen	Mr. Pfafman
Mr. Tamm	Mrs. Skillman
Mr. Trotter	Records Section
Mr. Nease	Mail Room
Mr. Holloman	Personnel Files
Miss Gandy	Mr. Armstrong
Mr. Adams	Mrs. Axtell
Mr. Brennan	Miss Campsey
Mr. Callahan	Miss Conlon
Mr. Cavanaugh	Mrs. Coumbe
Mr. Clark	Miss Guigon
Mr. Clayton	Mr. Jackson
Mr. G.R. Davidson	Mrs. Jacobs
Mr. L.L. Davidson	Miss Kennedy
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Mr. Gunsser	Mr. Marsden
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Mr. Renneberger	Note and Return
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Gandy*

J. P. MOHR

TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
SUBJECT: Veterans' Day Memorial Service

Since November 11, falls on Sunday this year, our annual ceremonies commemorating Veterans' Day will be conducted by our Department of Justice Post No. 41, The American Legion, in the Great Hall of the Department from 10:55 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. on Friday, November 9, 1956.

The Attorney General has informed us that anyone desiring to attend the ceremonies will be excused from work during this period. All employees of the Department are cordially invited to attend.

Program

- I Posting of the Colors - National Guard of Honor - Music
- II Pledge to the Flag - John J. Finn, Past Commander
- III Invocation - Rev. James G. Graham, Presbyterian Minister
- IV Prologue - William C. Brewer, Commander
- V Memorial Prayer - Cdr. Richard A. Cahill, Chaplain, U. S. Navy
- VI Memorial Address - Hon. George Cochran Doub, Assistant Attorney General
- VII Taps - United States Army Band
- VIII Benediction, Rabbi Morris W. Sandhaus, Chaplain, Veterans Administration
- IX The National Anthem - United States Army Band
- X Retirement of the Colors - National Guard of Honor - Music

William C. Brewer
Commander

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: November 15, 1956

FROM : M. A. Jones

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On November 14, 1956, in the absence of Inspector DeLoach, Bill Houck, Director, Washington Office of the American Legion, telephonically contacted SA Hanning, Crime Records Section. Houck advised that Ad Wagner, former National Commander of the American Legion with whom we are very friendly, is in town and had made a request for assistance. Houck advised that Wagner has received literature from two different groups requesting him to join or become interested in their organizations. Ad was wondering what kind of outfits they were and asked for some guidance.

One of the two organizations he mentioned was "The People Speak" allegedly an educational outfit whose director is one Joseph Davis Sugg. Bufiles are negative on "The People Speak" and Sugg.

The other organization in which Wagner expressed an interest is "We, The People" (American's United for Patriotic Action). While we have never conducted an investigation concerning "We, The People," we do have considerable information which indicates that it is a right wing organization, anti-communist and anti-socialist.

RECOMMENDATION:

That SA Hanning be permitted to advise Wagner on a confidential basis of the background of "We, The People" as set forth in the attached blind memorandum.

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cc - Mr. DeLoach

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November 15, 1956

WE, THE PEOPLE

"We, The People" is a right wing organization which had its inception in Chicago, Illinois. This organization came into being in early 1955 when leaders of the Freedom Club of Downtown Chicago decided they would reconstitute that group and reorganize into a new movement to be known as "We, The People." The head of this movement was Harry T. Everingham, a Chicago publisher and prolific writer of ultraconservative tracts on economics and government. The expressed purpose was "to bring together the best conservative minds of our times" to enable the group to plan political action in order to oppose "the left wing forces working towards Socialism and world Government." "We, The People" held its first national convention in Chicago in September, 1955.

The organ of "We, The People" appears to be a newspaper, "Free Enterprise." The October 15, 1955, issue of "Free Enterprise" listed twenty aims of the organization.

The February 15, 1955, issue of "Free Enterprise" carried an article disclosing that according to the charter, the purpose of "We, The People" is "to educate the American people to recognize and protect their God-given rights as defined by the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the United States Constitution. To respect and persuade the Americans to fulfill their responsibilities voluntarily, through greater awareness of the dignity and worth of the individual. To inspire Americans to appreciate the Free Competitive Enterprise System and to make the best use of their opportunities under this system. To educate and inspire our people for the free expression of American citizenship to the end that they will treasure and protect their freedom under God with the same faith and courage with which their founding fathers fought and died."

Another pamphlet put out by this organization indicated that they planned to present a "Patriotic Voters' Petition" to the Democratic and Republican Conventions in 1956. According to this leaflet, excerpts from this petition were as follows: "We hereby petition for candidates for President and Vice President who are dedicated:

1. To limit the taxing and spending power of the Federal Government;

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2. To recognize and respect state's rights;
3. To get the Government out of competition with private business;
4. To pass the Bricker Amendment to save our Constitution."

"We, The People" allegedly has members in all 48 states. The organization held another convention in Chicago during the week-end of September 15, 1956. It is believed Congressman Kit Clardy of Michigan was elected President of the "We, The People" Convention for the year 1957.

Mr. Nichols

November 27, 1956

M. A. Jones

AMERICAN LEGION MATTERS

D.C.

BILL Hauck, Washington Director, American Legion, telephonically contacted SA Hanning, Crime Records Section, 11-27-56. Hauck advised he had just received a telephone call from the National Commander Dan Daniels from Arizona. He stated Daniels is interested in having the American Legion, on a local post basis, collect clothing and funds for Hungarian refugees; however, the Commander would prefer to operate this worthwhile cause through a reliable established agency and was interested in the agency headed by General William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan. Hauck did not know the name of the organization headed by Donovan. The Commander had asked him to make a discreet check with us to see if this organization was all right.

The November 30, 1956, issue of U. S. News and World Report on page 20, under the heading "People of the Week," has a write-up on Donovan which states that his job is viewed as a new part of his work as head of a presidential committee. The article states Donovan heads an organization screening refugees now coming to this country from Hungary and identifies the organization as the International Rescue Committee of which Donovan is an official. The article also states that he heads a special commission set up by the International Rescue Committee.

In regard to this organization, SAC Letter Number 56-25 dated 5-1-56 states the following: "International Rescue Committee -- An announcement was made on April 16, 1956, by Mr. Angier B. Duke, Chairman of the International Rescue Committee (IRC), that an Emergency Commission of the IRC will maintain a 24-hour service so that any Iron Curtain refugees who feel threatened or subject to coercion can call for advice and aid. Mr. William J. Donovan, the former Director of the Office of Strategic Services, heads the Emergency Commission of the IRC. The announced purpose for the creation of the Emergency Commission of the IRC warrants that each field division of the Bureau be alert for any encroachment by the IRC into matters primarily within the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau. Any pertinent information received by any field division reflecting activities on the part of the IRC which contravene its announced purpose, insofar as Iron Curtain refugees are concerned, should be promptly furnished the Bureau."

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Memo to Mr. Nichols

November 27, 1956

While we have never investigated this organization, we do have a main file which for the most part consists of inquiries from the public. Most of these inquiries have been answered by a files confidential type of answer. This file further reflects that the International Rescue Committee is a private organization which cooperates with the U. S. officials in Europe in the reception, processing, and resettlement of Iron Curtain refugees and defectees. We have had no trouble with this organization. (100-1852)

RECOMMENDATION:

That SA Hanning telephonically contact Bill Hauck and merely advise him that Donovan is an official of the International Rescue Committee and that we have never investigated this organization.

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1246 December 6, 1956

Honorable W. C. "Dan" Daniel
National Commander
The American Legion
American Legion National Headquarters
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

My dear Mr. Daniel:

Thank you for the thoughtful letter of November 29, 1956, concerning the attendance of Inspector C. D. DeLoach and Special Agent Donald G. Hanning at your recent National Meetings in Indianapolis. Both Mr. DeLoach and Mr. Hanning have told me how much they enjoyed being with you at Indianapolis, and I know that they also will be very grateful for your kind letter.

I was indeed pleased to learn of the motion adopted by your National Executive Committee, and I want to express my appreciation for your generous comments about our Bureau. They are most encouraging.

Sincerely yours,

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cc - Indianapolis, with copy of incoming
cc - Mr. DeLoach, with copy of incoming
cc - Mr. Hanning, with copy of incoming, Room 4246
cc - personnel file Inspector C. D. DeLoach, with copy of incoming
cc - personnel file SA Donald G. Hanning, with copy of incoming

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NOTE: By separate letter of 10-22-56 to Inspector DeLoach, correspondent expressed his thanks. Bulet 10-29-56 in turn thanked Daniel for writing. Donald G. Hanning EOD, 1-6-47 as SA, GS-13, assigned Crime Records Section.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

November 29, 1956

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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① American Legion - National

During the recent National Meetings of The American Legion held in Indianapolis, Indiana, we were privileged to have with us Inspector C. D. DeLoach and Special Agent Donald G. Hanning.

Both of these gentlemen attended the meetings of our National Americanism Commission and assisted the Commission in its deliberations. Inspector DeLoach addressed the National Conference of Commanders and Adjutants on October 15, 1956, and the National Executive Committee on October 18, 1956. Before both bodies, he delivered extremely interesting and informative reports on current developments in the internal Communist conspiracy.

It is more of a pleasure than a duty for me to advise you that at the conclusion of Inspector DeLoach's latter address, the National Executive Committee unanimously adopted a motion "thanking J. Edgar Hoover for the assistance and cooperation that he has always given the Americanism Commission and The American Legion over the many, many years in our fight to combat Communism."

Very sincerely,

Dan Daniel
W. C. "Dan" Daniel

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

1608 K STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

December 4, 1956

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It was thoughtful and kind of you to send me a copy
of your book, "The Story of the F.B.I." which I shall
read with much pleasure.

Please accept my sincere thanks for including me
on your list.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

JAMES V. DAY, Director
National Public Relations
Commission

J. V. Day

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December 20, 1956

Reverend Bernard W. Gerdon
National Chaplain
The American Legion
National Headquarters
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Dear Father Gerdon:

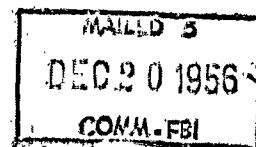
I am indeed grateful for your letter of December 14, 1956, and the enclosed resolution adopted by the Sixth Annual National Conference of American Legion Chaplains assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on November 14 and 15, 1956.

Your commendatory remarks, as well as those set forth in this resolution, are deeply appreciated and are most encouraging to all of us in this Bureau in carrying out the tremendous responsibilities entrusted to us.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bulet 11-5-56 transmitted a statement to Father Gerdon to be read at this conference. In addition, 100 copies of Director's article "Communist New Look..." were sent under separate cover for distribution at this session.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

December 14, 1956

VIA

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tammie
Mr. Trotter
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am pleased to send you enclosed a resolution adopted
by the ~~Sixth Annual~~ National Conference of American Legion
Department Chaplains held in Indianapolis, Indiana, November
14 and 15, 1956.

We are deeply grateful for your contributions to the
spiritual strength of America.

May God bless your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Bernard W. Gerdon
BERNARD W. GERDON
National Chaplain

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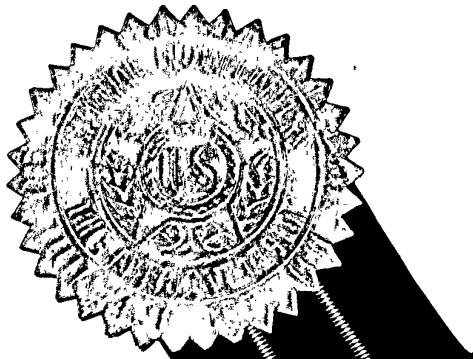
WHEREAS, We believe that the stressing of the religious and moral foundations of our American form of Government is basic Americanism, and

WHEREAS, We feel the need for an intensified and renewed emphasis on the spiritual values of our Nation, and

WHEREAS, The Back to God Program of The American Legion was initiated for the purpose of contributing to such a renewed emphasis; and

WHEREAS, Many groups, agencies and individuals have made valued contributions to the spiritual strength of America through their services to The American Legion Back to God Program as well as through other activities designed to advance the same purpose of building spiritual strength in America; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Sixth Annual National Conference of Department Chaplains and the National Religious Emphasis Committee of The American Legion, assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 14 and 15, 1956, does hereby record its deep appreciation to the many individuals, organizations and agencies who have made significant contributions to the rebuilding of faith in God as basic to American life, and specifically do we express our appreciation to J. Edgar Hoover for his deep interest in the Back to God program of The American Legion and his cooperation in helping guide the Chaplains in their work.



Bernard W. Gerdon
BERNARD W. GERDON
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: February 28, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols *for P*

SUBJECT: SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT
 SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1957
 JAMES REESE EUROPE POST
 THE AMERICAN LEGION
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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American Legion - D.C.

D.C. DeLoach was invited to speak before the 1800 members of the captioned organization at its annual birthday celebration in March, 1956. This is the largest Negro post in the District of Columbia. Commander John C. Lormans has issued a second invitation to DeLoach to be the principal speaker before this post on March 17, 1957, at its annual birthday celebration. If approved, he plans to accept this invitation and will use principally the same outline that he used recently before the North Carolina State American Legion, which has been previously approved by you.

ACTION:

As indicated above.

cc - Mr. Jones

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Mr. Nichols

February 20, 1957

M. A. Jones

REVEREND BERNARD W. GERDON
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN
THE AMERICAN LEGION
REQUEST TO MEET DIRECTOR

During mid October, 1956, Inspector DeLoach and SA Hanning attended meetings in Indianapolis of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion. While there, they met captioned individual who expressed great interest in the work of the FBI and was most commendatory in his remarks concerning the Director and the Bureau. At that time, he advised that in November, 1956, he was calling all Department Chaplains to Indianapolis for a meeting. In connection with this matter, he asked if the Director would be so kind as to furnish him a statement which he might read to the Department Chaplains. He further requested 100 copies of the Director's article "Communist 'New Look' - A Study in Duplicity."

Under cover of a cordial letter dated November 5, 1956, we advised Father Gerdon that we were forwarding him the requested number of the Director's article and we enclosed a statement for his use at the Chaplains meeting. This statement read as follows:

"The men who reared the rafters of this Republic built on a foundation of faith. That faith permeated the written word. It breathed from every document. It was the source from whence sprang our concept of government based on individual liberty. And it has been the wellspring of the unifying action which, over the years, has enabled men to take up arms in defense of a freedom gained in blood.

"Today our vital concept of government is subject to fierce and unrelenting attack. In the vanguard of that attack are the evil offspring of materialism--crime and communism. The deadly onslaught of this vicious pair can be blunted by one weapon only. That weapon is indomitable faith.

"I know that you, as Chaplains of men who place God and country before self, have added much to the dynamic reservoir from which this Nation draws its strength. It is a privilege to salute you and to wish you a most fruitful conference."

Mohr cc - Mr. Nichols

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Memo to Mr. Nichols

February 20, 1957

On the evening of 2-19-57, DeLoach and Hanning attended a Legislative Dinner at the Hotel Statler. This is an annual affair wherein the National Commander of The American Legion wines and dines the members of Congress. Father Gerdon attended and mentioned the Director's statement quoted above and said it has been very effective and he has used it over and over. He further advised that he plans to be in Washington during the week beginning February 24. He stated he has always had great admiration for the Director and the Bureau and if convenient he would like to come in sometime during the week and make a tour of Bureau facilities. He also stated that if the Director's schedule would permit he would appreciate the opportunity of meeting him and thanking him for his assistance. Father Gerdon will call DeLoach or Hanning next week to make further arrangements.

There is no further data in Bufiles concerning Father Gerdon.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That when Father Gerdon calls at the Bureau he be conducted on a special tour of Bureau facilities. SA Hanning, Crime Records Section, should handle this tour.

2. That if the Director's schedule permits he shake hands with Father Gerdon while he is at the Bureau.

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March 1, 1957

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Mr. James V. Day
Director
National Public Relations Division
The American Legion NATIONAL
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Day:

In response to the request which you made through Inspector Cartha D. DeLoach, I am glad to enclose a letter to Mr. Daniel regarding the Thirty-eighth Anniversary of The American Legion. It is indeed a pleasure to be of service.

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Sincerely yours,

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cc - Inspector Cartha D. DeLoach

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NOTE: The thirty-eighth anniversary of The American Legion is on March 15, 1957, and Mr. Day telephonically requested Mr. DeLoach to ascertain if the Director would prepare a short letter to the National Commander regarding the organization's thirty-eighth anniversary. There has been very cordial correspondence with Mr. Day.

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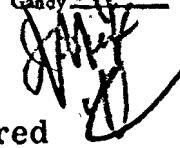
TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: March 1, 1957

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: SPEECH MATERIAL FOR AMERICAN LEGION *National*
AND IACP SPEECHES

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In accordance with instructions, we are undertaking the necessary research to get up the material by July 1st and July 12th, respectively, for the American Legion and IACP speeches. Within the very near future a tentative outline of each will be submitted for your consideration. In addition, appropriate remarks will, of course, be prepared in connection with the IACP luncheon.

cc - Mr. Hanning

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

March 8, 1957

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Nease	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

We of The American Legion deeply appreciate your thoughtful consideration in sending greetings on the occasion of our 38th Anniversary.

It is, indeed, gratifying to have your generous words, and I trust that The American Legion will always merit the approval and support of so respected an organization as the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

With kind regards and sincere best wishes,
I am

Very sincerely,

Dan Daniel
W. C. "DAN" DANIEL

D.C.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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Other information to AL on 38th Anniv.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: March 29, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
MEETINGS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,
APRIL 29-30, 1957*American Legion National*

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The attached letter from James F. Daniel, Jr., Chairman, National Americanism Commission, The American Legion, requests the presence of Messrs. DeLoach and Hanning at captioned meetings. This is the spring meeting of the National Americanism Commission.

It is felt that it would be necessary to only send DeLoach to these meetings. We have, of course, sent representatives to the same meetings for many years. The presence of an FBI representative is a great help to the officials of the Legion in their discussions regarding matters of internal security. It is felt that we should continue this practice; however, that only one representative is needed at this time. There is attached a letter to Mr. Daniel advising him of this fact.

ACTION:

The attached letter be forwarded to Mr. Daniel.

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Enclosures *see* 4-1-57
cc-Mr. Jones
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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

March 20, 1957

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

P. O. Box 456
Greenville, South Carolina

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Nease
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

JAN 21 1957
of

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Official Call for the Spring meeting of the National Americanism Commission at Indianapolis has been issued, the dates being April 29 - 30.

Again, we should like to have Inspector C. D. DeLoach and Special Agent D. G. Hanning meet with us provided their schedule will permit them to be available at that time. We know their services will be of mutual benefit to The American Legion and your great organization.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Jimmy F. Daniel

JAMES F. DANIEL, JR., Chairman
National Americanism Commission

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March 29, 1957

Mr. James F. Daniel, Jr.
Chairman
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
Post Office Box 456
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Daniel:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 20, 1957, wherein you issued an invitation for Inspector C. D. DeLoach and Special Agent D. G. Hanning of our headquarters staff to meet with the National Americanism Commission, April 29-30, 1957.

Both Messrs. DeLoach and Hanning look forward with great eagerness to their meetings with the National Americanism Commission. Unfortunately, Mr. Hanning's commitments are such that it will be impossible for him to attend on the days designated; however, Mr. DeLoach will be there.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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cc-Mr. Jones (detached)

NOTE: (cover memo from Nichols to Tolson 3-29-57 re: NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION MEETINGS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, APRIL 20-30, 1957, prepared by CDD:jmr)

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March 14, 1957

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Honorable W. C. "Dan" Daniel
National Commander
The American Legion National
American Legion National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Daniel:

May I take this opportunity to extend best wishes and congratulations to The American Legion on its Thirty-eighth Anniversary. We of the FBI recognize the true spirit of your fine organization, and on this occasion we want to express our appreciation to you and your fellow Legionnaires for the ideals for which you stand.

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Sincerely yours,

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cc - Inspector Cartha D. DeLoach

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NOTE: Very cordial relationship is enjoyed with Mr. Daniel.

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See Director, letter to
James V. Vary, American
Legion, Wash., D.C. dated 3/1/57

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March 27, 1957

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Reverend Bernard W. Gerdon
National Chaplain
The American Legion
National Headquarters
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Dear Father Gerdon:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of The American Legion "Back To God" Handbook which I received with your letter of March 21, 1957. This is indeed a worthwhile movement, and I am sure that if the objectives set forth in the handbook were universally achieved, we would live in a much better world.

The American Legion has long been one of the staunch defenders of the American way of life, and certainly, a deep-seated religious conviction is one of the very foundation stones of that way of life.

Sincerely yours,

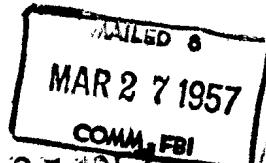
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NOTE: The Bureau has enjoyed cordial relations with Father Gerdon, the National Chaplain of the American Legion.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

March 21, 1957

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Nease
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Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are pleased to send you a copy of our "Back to God" Handbook which outlines the objectives of the movement launched by The American Legion as part of our contribution to the strengthening of the moral and spiritual character of our country.

It is our earnest hope that The American Legion can be of service to our country and to the citizens of our respective communities and states by emphasizing the objectives of the "Back to God" Program.

May God be ever with you to bless, guide and protect you.

Respectfully yours,

Bernard W. Gerdon
BERNARD W. GERDON
National Chaplain

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“Back To God” HANDBOOK



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The “Back To God” MOVEMENT
WHAT IT IS... WHY IT IS
HOW TO IMPLEMENT IT

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: April 25, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: SUBVERSIVE INFLUENCES WHO
HAVE ENTREE TO WHITE HOUSE

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The American Legion has received the attached chart from
an individual described as "a prominent engineer who has considerable information
regarding communism." The chart depicts numerous individuals who have access
to the President and the White House. The Legion does not intend to make use of
this chart in any manner but thought that we might like to have a copy on a
confidential basis. The Legion is of the opinion that the chart is somewhat
far-fetched and considerably on the 'imaginary angle.'

ACTION:

For record purposes.

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cc-Mr. Belmont

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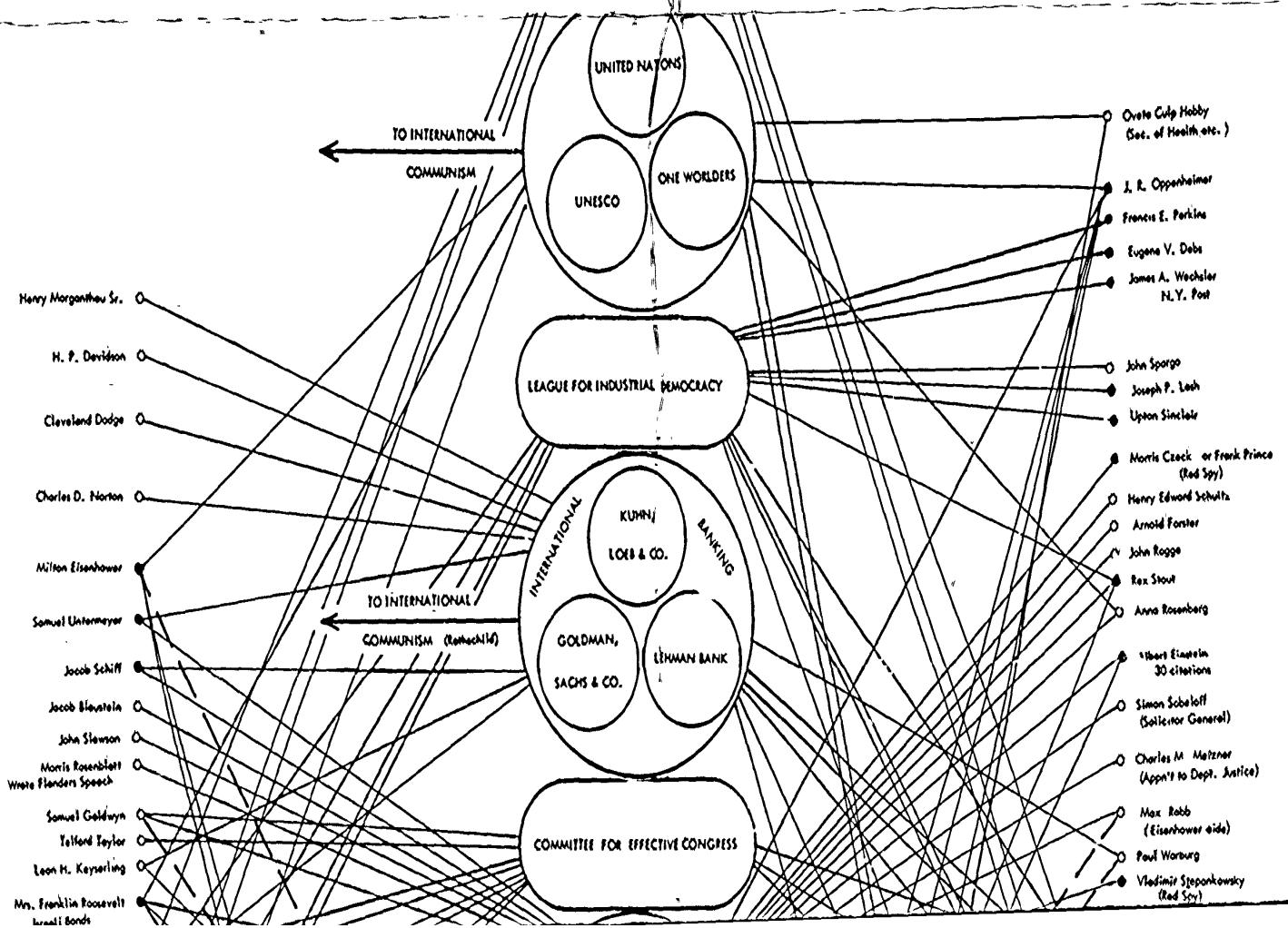


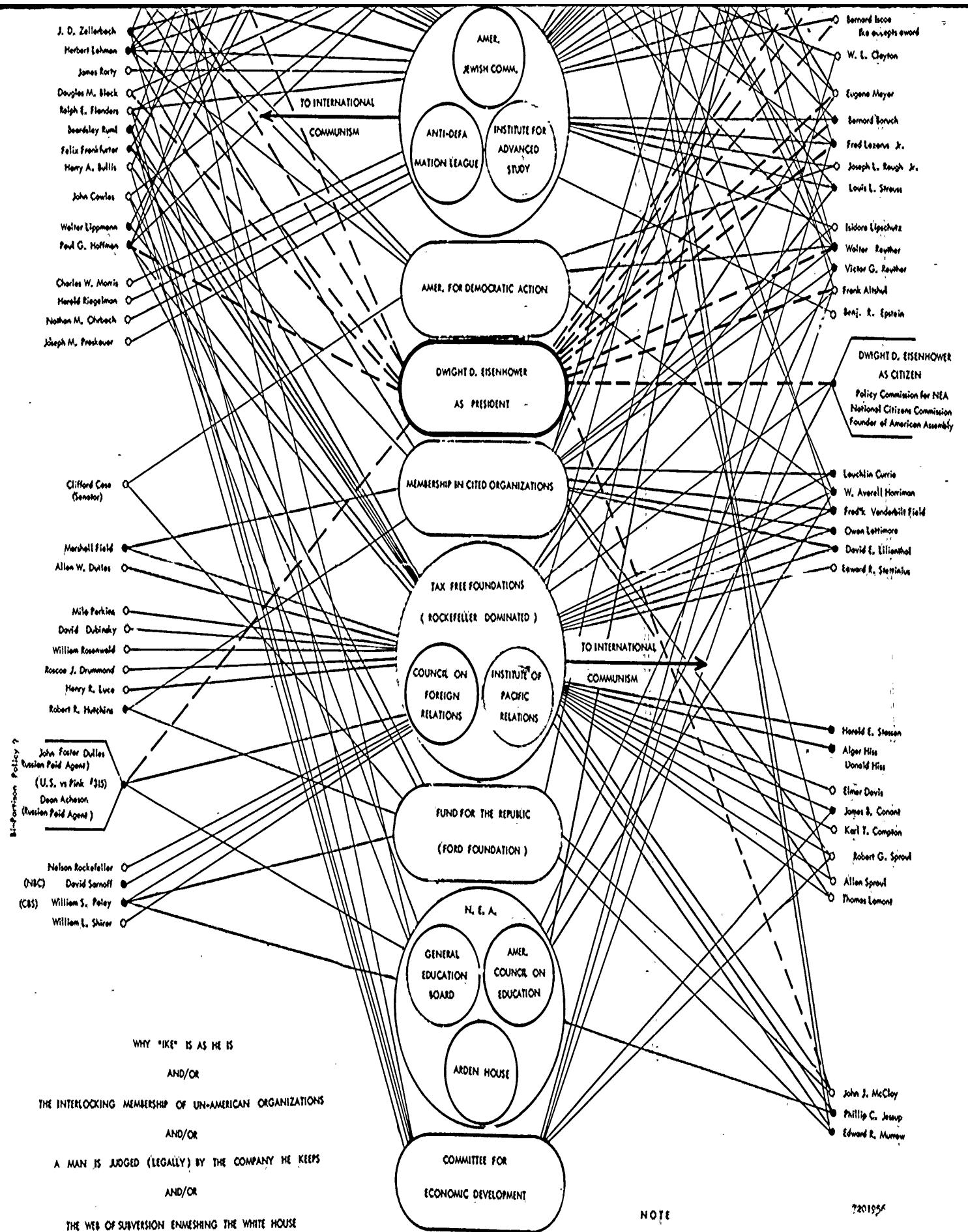
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This chart represents a prodigious amount of research. In fact, the material examined would fill 30 good-sized volumes if compiled in that manner. Few people in these days have the time and inclination for such full scale reading. Therefore, this chart is assembled against that inevitable day when the American citizen will demand to know the persons responsible for perpetuating their present lack of sovereignty.

To that day, when American citizens will again build their sovereignty on the Christian concept of individual liberty, this chart is dedicated.





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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 7, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols *for / p*

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S SPEECH BEFORE NATIONAL CONVENTION
 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SEPTEMBER, 1957
 ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY - *invited*

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There is considerable enthusiasm in National Legion circles relative to the Director's acceptance of an invitation to speak at the forthcoming National Convention of the American Legion, September, 1957, at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Jimmy O'Neil, Publisher of "The Legion Magazine," has mentioned that this news has been greeted with more high feeling than the scheduling of any speaker in the past several years, including the President. Numerous State Commanders have expressed interest and some have even used this as a "selling point" to encourage attendance of members other than actual delegates. Although no official announcement has been made by the Legion, the word has quietly gotten around that the convention program this year is something that shouldn't be missed.

Dan Daniel, the National Commander, is most anxious to arrange a date suitable to the Director's convenience. In this connection, you will recall, that in correspondence with Daniel, the Director has indicated that either September 16th, or 17th, 1957, will be suitable.

The President will be the opening day speaker on September 16th, 1957. It is traditional to invite the President and he has indicated acceptance. Daniel, the National Commander, wishes to save the best possible spot for the Director's speech. In view of the President speaking on Monday, September 16th, he feels that some of the prominence due the Director might possibly be taken away by the President if both speeches are on the same date.

The next best possible spot is Thursday, September 19th, 1957. This is the day the Legion's national officers are elected. Convention Hall will be in jammed to capacity (8000 seats) and a national figure of great prominence always is invited to speak at this time. Vice President Nixon spoke at this time last year. Commander Daniel has informally approached DeLoach as to whether the Director would entertain the idea of his speech being on this date in the spot mentioned.

Suggest this date.

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cc-Mr. Jones

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Memo to Tolson from Nichols

May 7, 1957

If the Director's commitments do not allow scheduling for this speech on the 19th, another date will be chosen convenient to the Director. If agreeable, we will advise Commander Daniel accordingly.

ACTION: For the Director's information.

*Commander Daniel
advised 5/8/57 -
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: May 16, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: JOHN S. GLEASON
NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Dan Daniel, the National Commander of The American Legion, has confidentially advised DeLoach that the principal leaders of The American Legion met on May 3, 1957, and selected the captioned individual as the next National Commander. Daniel stated there would be no doubt regarding Gleason's final election.

Gleason is a veteran of World War II, having spent five years in the U. S. Army. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with two clusters, and the Soldiers Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of major. He has had extensive service in The American Legion, having personally organized The First National Bank of Chicago Post in 1946. He was the first commander of this Post. Since then he has served on various committees at district, county, and department levels.

At the present time, Gleason has the rank of brigadier general and assistant commander of the 85th Infantry Division in the Illinois National Guard. He is married and has six sons. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, and of the Harvard University School of Business. At the present time he is the vice president of The First National Bank of Chicago, where he has been employed since 1937. Mr. DeLoach has met Gleason on a number of occasions, as has Special Agent Hanning. Gleason will be very friendly with the FBI but will not represent the independent strength in fighting subversion that Commander Daniel and Commander Wagner, his two predecessors, have shown. Gleason, while an outstanding man in character and morals, is reportedly somewhat easily led although the mandates of The Legion will, of course, prevent him from being led very far afield.

Commander Daniel confidentially advised DeLoach that Gleason dislikes a fight but can, of course, be depended upon when the chips are down. There is no doubt as to his desire for complete cooperation with the FBI.

cc-Mr. Holloman
cc-Mr. Jones
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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols
Re: John S. Gleason

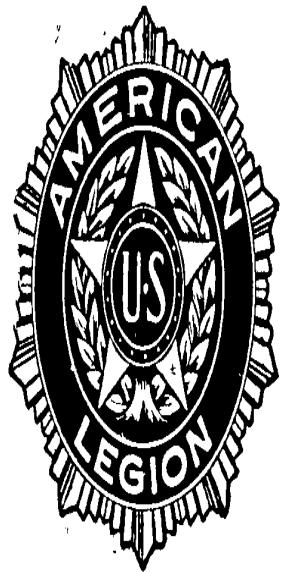
It might be a good idea, providing the Director's schedule permits, for the Director to briefly shake hands with Gleason upon Gleason's next trip to Washington. We will, of course, have plenty of advance notice and it is felt that Gleason will be sincerely impressed if this privilege is permitted. If time does not permit, the Director will, of course, have the opportunity of meeting Gleason upon the occasion of speaking before The American Legion National Convention in September, 1957.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

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JOHN S. GLEASON

ABLE!

EXPERIENCED!

RESPONSIBLE!

VETERAN! World War II, 5 years U. S. Army; combat veteran—Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with two clusters, Soldiers Medal; released 1946, rank of Major.

LEGIONNAIRE! 1946 organized The First National Bank of Chicago Post and elected first Commander;
1947-49 Alternate National Executive Committeeman, Department of Illinois;
1948-49 Member, National Legislative Commission;
1949-50 Member, National Child Welfare Commission Liaison Committee;
1949-51 National Executive Committeeman, Department of Illinois;
1950-51 Chairman, National Legislative Commission Liaison Committee;
Since 1951 Vice-Chairman, National Rehabilitation Commission; also active on various committees at District, County and Department levels.

CITIZEN-SOLDIER! Active in Illinois National Guard presently serving as Brigadier General and Assistant Commander 85th Infantry Division;
Member, State of Illinois Veterans Commission;
Married, six sons;
Graduate University of Notre Dame and Harvard University School of Business;
with The First National Bank of Chicago since 1937 where he is a Vice-President.

PROVEN LEADERSHIP!



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TODAY'S ASSOCIATES - "PROGRESSIVE LITERATURE" OUTLET

In her January 1957 issue of Today, MISS ANNA LOUISE STRONG declared her periodical will be converted from its present form to a monthly column of the same title scheduled for future appearances in the National Guardian. Mimeographed on legal colored paper, Today has used the following mailing addresses: Post Office Box 161, Montrose, California, and Post Office Box 87, Altadena, California. For the information of readers, MISS STRONG is a long time supporter of the international Communist conspiracy. An identified member of the Communist Party, U. S. A., she has "collaborated with agents of the Soviet Intelligence apparatus" and has written for Communist Party publications. (See Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, Report, Institute of Pacific Relations, 1952, page 158.)

On March 14, 1957, BETTY CHESLEY, Secretary of the apparent newly formed Today's Associates of Post Office Box 87, Altadena, California, wrote the following message to Today readers: "This is a plan to share good progressive literature. It grows from the letters that came to ANNA LOUISE STRONG'S Today. Some people wrote offering books and magazines; they take many progressive periodicals and are willing to share them. Other people want progressive literature but have little means to buy it and live miles from any source. The staff which handled the volunteer mailing of Today have worked out a plan by which they hope to supply the names of those wanting good reading matter to those having good reading matter to give away... If you are able to help in this project, please fill out the coupon... and return to us at above address."

This plan listed the following "progressive literature": Catholic Worker, I. F. Stone's Weekly, Manchester Guardian, The Nation, National Guardian, New Republic, New Statesman & Nation, Monthly Review and The Progressive.

FACTS ON CHESLEY

According to The American Legion files, one MRS. ELIZABETH R. CHESLEY of Pasadena, California was listed as a signer of a quarter-page advertisement which appeared in the September 20, 1951 edition of The Los Angeles Times, demanding a reduction of bail for Communist Party leaders who have been involved in Smith Act prosecution cases. The Daily Worker of April 13, 1951, page 5, reflected that a MRS. BETTY CHESLEY, Chairman of the Pasadena Non-Partisan Peace Committee, led a "two hour vehicular parade through the main streets of Pasadena", California. On May 8, 1954, a MRS. ELIZABETH CHESLEY was honored at a "Mother's Day Testimonial For Peace", which was announced by the Southern California Peace Crusade, an identified subversive organization. (See "Daily People's World", 5-5-54, page 6; and HUAC, Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1957, page 80.)

COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP: According to FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER, Party membership as of January 1, 1957 totaled 17,360. This represents a drop of 14.4% from last year's total of 20,289. He warned against discounting Party strength based on actual membership.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

FIRING LINE

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AMERICAN Legion - NATION May 15, 1957

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Beneficiary of the largest single grant ever awarded by the Ford Foundation's Fund For The Republic is the Southern Regional Council, Inc. (SRC), whose headquarters is located in the Wesley Memorial Building, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta 3, Georgia. As of last year, the Council received a total of \$445,000 "in support of studies and activities to promote interracial improvements" in the South. According to The Fund For The Republic's Three-Year Report, dated May 31, 1956, page 22, the SRC "has concentrated on building strong state organizations, so that each of its groups will be able to stand on its own feet when Fund support is terminated." (See "The New York Times", 12-16-56, page 117.)

Founded in January 1944 as a successor to the Commission On Interracial Cooperation, Inc., the Council's original corporation papers reflected its following "objects and purposes": "...to organize and maintain a Regional Council for the improvement of economic, civic and racial conditions in the South, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts towards regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tension, the basis of racial tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust; to develop and integrate leadership in the South on new levels of regional development and fellowship..."

This document, filed in the Superior Court of Fulton County, State of Georgia, listed the names of five incorporators of the Council as follows: DR. RUFUS E. CLEMENT, RALPH MCGILL, and BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE, Atlanta Georgia; DR. CHARLES S. JOHNSON, Nashville, Tennessee (now deceased); and DR. HOWARD W. ODUM, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. (See Petition of Incorporation, Book 062, pages 64-67, 1-6-44; and "The New York Times", 10-17-55.)

Today, the Council has expanded its activities into 12 states. Virtually supported by the enormous grant from The Fund For The Republic, the SRC "has strengthened its head office in Atlanta and organized Councils on Human Relations with interracial boards and staffs" in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. (See Fund For The Republic "Three-Year Report," 1956, page 22.)

Formerly entitled The Southern Frontier, SRC's official organ is called New South, a 16-page monthly journal published in Atlanta, Georgia. With the approval of the United States Treasury Department, the Council enjoys tax-exempt status and all contributions to the organization can be treated as Federal income tax deductions. According to a revised roster dated April 1957, the SRC's

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Board of Directors numbered 78, which included some of the following as officers and staff members: MARION A. WRIGHT, President; Vice-Presidents: GORDON HANCOCK, A. W. DENT, and PAUL D. WILLIAMS; Chairman, Executive Committee: MARION A. WRIGHT, President; Vice-Presidents: GORDON HANCOCK, A. W. DENT, and PAUL D. WILLIAMS; RUFUS E. CLEMENT, Chairman, Executive Committee; JOSEPH HAAS, Counsel; HAROLD C. FLEMING, Executive Director; JOHN CONSTABLE, Director of Information; and FLORENCE B. IRVING, Research Assistant. (See "New South", February 1955, page 1; and March 1957, page 2.)

"RED FRONT"

Readers of the April 15, 1957 issue of the Firing Line will recall the Council was identified as a "Southern Red front by MANNING JOHNSON on March 8, 1957 before the State of Louisiana Legislative Committee On Segregation." The Firing Line report also revealed testimony which reflected the Council was "formed by JAMES E. JACKSON, a southern organizer of the Communist Party" and "is affiliated with the Mississippi Council On Human Relations."

Records of The American Legion reveal a definite trend of inter-relationship between the SRC and the Southern Conference For Human Welfare, a defunct Communist front organization. According to the files of the National Americanism Commission, the following 16 former Directors of the SRC have been supporters of this aforementioned subversive organization: CHARLOTTE H. BROWN, LOUIS E. BURNHAM, GEORGE E. CLARY, HERBERT DAVIDSON, J. M. ELLISON, CLARK H. FOREMAN, GUY B. JOHNSON, DAVID D. JONES, GEORGE S. MITCHELL, HOWARD W. ODUM, F. D. PATTERSON, EDWIN A. PENICK, HOMER P. RAINY, IRA DeA. REID, FORRESTER B. WASHINGTON, and AUBREY WILLIAMS. (See SRC publication "What Kind of South Do You Want?", undated, pages 7 and 8; "New South", December 1946, pages 25 and 26; "The Southern Frontier", March 1944, page 1; "The New York Times", 12-16-56, page 117; HUAC, Appendix IX, 1944, pages 1589, 1595-1598; HUAC Report, Southern Conference For Human Welfare, 1947, page 1; "New York Journal American", 11-7-55, page 1; and HUAC, Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1957, page 81.)

The files of The American Legion reflect the following 9 current SRC Directors have also been affiliated with the subversive Southern Conference For Human Welfare: RUFUS B. ATWOOD, PAUL R. CHRISTOPHER, RUFUS E. CLEMENT, A. W. DENT, BENJAMIN E. MAYS, H. COUNCILL TRENHOLM, E. C. PETERS, JOSEPHINE WILKINS and MARION A. WRIGHT. (See HUAC, Appendix IX, 1944, pages 1594-1597; HUAC Report, Southern Conference For Human Welfare, 1947, pages 1 and 15; and "Daily Worker", 5-20-47, page 5.)

At the conclusion of a 1954 investigation, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee reported the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (of 822 Perdido Street, New Orleans 12, Louisiana), "was initially an adjunct of the Southern Conference For Human Welfare. After the exposure of the Southern Conference For Human Welfare as a Communist front, it began to wither and was finally dissolved, but the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., continued." The Subcommittee found that after "an objective study", the "Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. is operating with substantially the same leadership and purposes as its predecessor organization, the Southern Conference For Human Welfare." (See Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, Hearings, Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., 1955; pages V and VIII.)

For the information of Firing Line readers, the following 8 current Directors of the Council have been affiliated with the aforementioned Southern

Conference Educational Fund, Inc., which was fully exposed in the July 1, 1955 issue of this publication: F. WOODS BECKMAN, BLAISFORD R. BRAZEAL, RUFUS E. CLEMENT, JAMES M. DABBS, CHARLES G. COMILLION, DUNCAN HUNTER, BENJAMIN E. MAYS and JOSEPHINE WILKINS. It may be of interest to recall that former SRC Director AUBREY WILLIAMS has been President of the Southern Conference Educational Fund since 1948. He was named as a member of the Communist Party during the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee's 1954 hearings. (See Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, Hearings, Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., 1955, pages VI, VII and 102; and Southern Conference Educational Fund, leaflets and letterheads, 1953-1956.)

REPORT FROM THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD

Due to the increasing number of petitions filed by the United States Attorney General with the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB), the National Americanism Commission has compiled the following statistical report on the status of 24 cases which this quasi-judicial body has received since its creation by the Subversive Activities Control (Internal Security) Act of 1950:

The SACB has ordered six organizations to register under the Subversive Activities Control Act. In a Modified Report dated December 18, 1956, the Board recommended that the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit affirm the Board's Order entered April 20, 1953, requiring the Communist Party of the United States to register as a Communist-action organization under section 7 of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950. The Board also ordered each of the following groups to register as a Communist-front organization: Jefferson School of Social Science (1955), Labor Youth League (1955), National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (1956), United May Day Committee (1956) and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade (1955).

Subject to review of the whole Board, Recommended Decisions have been issued to require each of the following groups to register as a Communist-front organization: American Peace Crusade (1957), California Labor School (1957), Civil Rights Congress (1955), and the Washington Pension Union (1956).

In various procedural stages are the cases of the following 7 alleged Communist-front organizations: American Committee For Protection of Foreign Born, California Emergency Defense Committee, The Colorado Committee To Protect Civil Liberties, Committee To End Sedition Laws, The Connecticut Volunteers For Civil Rights, National Negro Labor Council, and Save Our Sons Committee. Cases of the following two alleged Communist-infiltrated organizations are also pending: International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers and the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America.

After extensive hearings, the board ordered dismissal of the following petitions on the grounds that evidence reflected these organizations to be defunct: American Slav Congress, The Committee For A Democratic Far Eastern Policy, Council On African Affairs, International Workers Order, Inc., and the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. According to the Sixth Annual Report of the SACB, dated June 30, 1956, six organizations have appealed Board decisions to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, namely: Communist Party, U.S.A., Labor Youth League, Jefferson School of Social Science, National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and the United May Day Committee.

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May 10, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

On May 9, 1957, I had an extended conference with the Attorney General in his office at which various matters were gone over by the Attorney General and myself pertaining to Departmental and Bureau Operations.

I also advised the Attorney General of the fact that I had been invited to speak at the meeting of the American Legion Convention in Atlantic City on September 19, and that if he had no objection to my so appearing, I would make that commitment and address the American Legion in session at that time. The Attorney General said he thought it would be a very good idea to do so.

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Mr. James F. Daniel, Jr. 1260
Chairman
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
Post Office Box 456
Greenville, South Carolina

Indiana

Dear Mr. Daniel:

Thank you for your letter of May 17, 1957, advising of your successful meeting of the Americanism Commission at Indianapolis on April 29 and 30, 1957.

I was glad to know that Inspector Cartha D. DeLoach was of assistance to your Commission, and he was grateful to learn of your thoughtful letter to me.

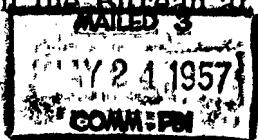
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Cartha D. DeLoach, Room 5636, with copy of incoming.
cc - Personnel file of Cartha D. DeLoach, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: Inspector Cartha D. DeLoach EOD 8-31-42 as clerk; 12-14-42 as Special Agent, GS-15, assigned Records and Communications Division. Correspondent invited DeLoach and SA Donald G. Hanning to be present at the meeting by letter of 3-20-57. It was recommended that only DeLoach represent the Bureau at the meeting in Indianapolis.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

May 17, 1957

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

P. O. Box 456
Greenville, South Carolina

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Nease
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Our Americanism Commission meeting at Indianapolis, April 29 - 30, was very interesting and successful in that all items on the agenda were cleared.

As usual, Inspector C. D. DeLoach was most helpful to us, and we want to thank you for allowing him to be with us.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

James F. Daniel Jr.

James F. Daniel, Jr.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : L. B. Nichols *lbp*

SUBJECT: E. A. "BLACKIE" BLACKMORE
NATIONAL ADJUTANT
AMERICAN LEGION
REQUEST FOR AUTOGRAPHED PHOTOGRAPH

DATE: May 28, 1957

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① E. A. "Blackie" Blackmore is the National Adjutant of the American Legion with headquarters in Indianapolis. He has been most cooperative with DeLoach and Hanning and has been of material assistance in connection with liaison work. Blackmore is in Washington on business and will be leaving tomorrow morning for Indianapolis. He called Mr. DeLoach in my office today and is most anxious to have an autographed photograph of the Director whom he greatly admires. He stated that if it were possible to secure one, he would drop by the Bureau tomorrow morning and pick it up. Bufiles are negative on Blackmore.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of our close ties with the American Legion and Blackmore's cooperation and admiration for the Director, it is recommended that he be given an autographed photograph. A suitable legend card is attached. If the Director concurs with this recommendation, it is suggested that this photograph be returned to Mr. DeLoach in my office who will deliver it personally to Blackmore when he calls at the Bureau tomorrow morning.

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Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Nease	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/3/57

FROM : SAC, Anchorage (66-252)

SUBJECT: W. C. DANIELS

~~W.C. DANIELS~~
National Commander
American Legion

I was a guest of the American Legion, Anchorage, Alaska, at a reception given in honor of W. C. "DAN" DANIELS, National Commander of the American Legion, at Anchorage on May 23, 1957.

During the course of my brief visit with Mr. DANIELS at this reception he took advantage of the situation to compliment you very highly personally and the Bureau as a whole. He appeared to be sincerely grateful and appreciative of his association with you and the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 5-29-57

TO : The Director

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A4125-
A4127 Congressman Gross, (R) Iowa, extended his remarks to include an address delivered by Mr. Alvin Mansfield Owsley, of Texas, a past national commander of the American Legion, before the Legion's National Executive Committee on May 2, 1957, at Indianapolis, Indiana. The reference to the FBI, contained in this address, was set forth in a memorandum prepared earlier today.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 5-28-57 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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MR. NICHOLS:

I have been advised by American Legion officials that the National Commander of The American Legion will deliver a speech in South Dakota tonight, 6-17-57. The speech will largely concern the actions of the Supreme Court and will mention in detail information concerning the Jencks decision. There is attached the exact phraseology which will be used by the National Commander which involves the Jencks decision.

Respectfully,

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The effect of this Supreme Court action which smacks of legislation by judicial opinion will allow the defendant to demand confidential investigative reports which bear upon his case. Justice Tom Clark, who has firsthand knowledge of the problems involved as a result of his former service as Attorney General of the United States, summed up the Supreme Court action very effectively in his dissenting opinion when he stated, "Unless the Congress changes the ruling announced by the Court today, those intelligence agencies of our Government engaged in law enforcement may as well close up shop for

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The fact that only five of the Supreme Court Justices joined in the majority opinion is a clear indication of the seriousness of the problem. Three Justices did not concur in the majority opinion, thus leaving a difference of two. I firmly believe the security of our Nation should not be gambled away by the whims of two Justices, particularly in a case which was passed on only by a District Judge.

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Mr. Lou Brissie
Room 421
Providence Hospital
1150 Varnum Street, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Brissie:

Your many friends in the FBI were certainly sorry to learn that it was necessary for you to undergo a major operation. I have been informed that you stood up well during the operation, and that your chances for a complete and speedy recovery are excellent.

I do want you to know that our thoughts are with you, and that we are desirous of being of any possible assistance. I am well aware of the fact that you have a very busy schedule in the future but I do hope that you will closely follow your doctor's orders and allow every chance for complete recuperation.

Sincerely yours,

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cc - Mr. Jones *sent*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 2, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols *lbp*

SUBJECT: LOU BRISSE
COMMISSIONER-AMERICAN LEGION - NATIONAL
BASEBALL PROGRAM,
FORMER PITCHER CLEVELAND INDIANS,
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Captioned individual has been a strong backer of the Director and FBI for many years. He is a clean-cut, fine athlete of good reputation and background. He never hesitates to take the Bureau's side in any argument and is constantly a salesman for us. The Director recently recommended that Brissie be considered as a member of the Advisory Board of the President's Council on Youth Fitness. Brissie received this appointment.

Brissie currently is in Providence Hospital having undergone a serious operation on his right leg to remove shrapnel from a World War II injury. Mr. DeLoach has talked to him a number of times on the phone and he plans to leave the hospital within 4 days and spend a couple of days recuperating here in Washington at DeLoach's home.

Brissie would deeply appreciate a personal note from the Director concerning his operation and wishes for a speedy recovery. There is attached a suggested letter which Mr. DeLoach will deliver personally if the Director approves.

ACTION: As indicated above.

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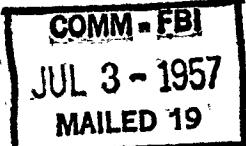
Mr. James V. Day
Director of Public Relations
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Day:

Enclosed is a copy of the current issue of our employees' magazine, "The Investigator." I thought you might like to see the manner in which the photograph of Commander Daniel was used on the front cover. A notation about the cover appears on the inside.

We appreciate the assistance you provided in arranging for this photograph to be taken during the recent visit of the National Commander to Washington.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION
1608 K STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

July 10, 1957

Mr. Tolson
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Miss Gandy

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

It was indeed kind of you to furnish me with a copy
of "The Investigator" for July containing the photograph
of Commander Daniel on the front cover.

The Commander, as you perhaps know, is now on the
"people to People" European tour but upon his return to
this office I will be certain to give this booklet to
him, as I am confident he will wish to have it.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

JAMES V. DAY

National Director

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TIMOFEEV remarked "the preamble to the new party rules, adopted at the Convention upholds the cardinal principle that their (Communist Party, U.S.A.) common interests are the link uniting the workers of all countries."

According to the Soviet report, "the Convention acknowledged the vital force of proletarian internationalism. This fact is all the more important in the light of the efforts of reactionary Western groups to sow ideological dissension and vacillation in the Communist ranks in the hope of splitting the international Communist movement, undermining the principle of proletarian internationalism and setting fraternal Communist parties one against the other." While "these plans are failing," the Soviet spokesman declared: "Pursuing a policy based on tested Marxist-Leninist principles, and applying the great teachings of Marxism-Leninism to U. S. conditions, the American Communist Party will be able to utilize all the possibilities which exist for stepping up the struggle for the vital interests of the working class and the entire American people..." ALAN MAX, Managing Editor of the Communist Daily Worker, wrote in the June 4, 1957 edition of his paper that the Soviet spokesman's report of the Convention was an "unfortunate mistake." MAX, apparently caught off guard, declared in substance TIMOFEEV's article was not factually correct. Significantly, in a surprise move in support of the Soviet position, Communist Party National Committeeman WILLIAM Z. FOSTER endorsed the Russian article and claimed ALAN MAX was in error, not the Soviet version. (See "Daily Worker," 6-12-57 page 4.)

Without equivocation, TIMOFEEV has asserted in no uncertain terms that the Communist Party, U.S.A., is remaining part and parcel of the Soviet Union's international conspiracy. His statement was a reaffirmation of the Soviet "historic mission" as clearly summarized in KARL MARX and FRIEDRICH ENGELS' 1848 bible The Communist Manifesto: "The Communists disda'n to conceal their views and aims. They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions... Workingmen of all countries, unite!"

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, PART II

With the development of the historic background of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., of 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta 3, Georgia, in the May 15, 1957 Firing Line, disturbed Legionnaires now want to know the names and locations of the Council's affiliates in their respective States. The following is a complete list of the 12 "affiliated state organizations" of the Southern Regional Council:

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ALABAMA Council on Human Relations, Room 1218 Comer Building, Birmingham; ARKANSAS Council on Human Relations, 211 Izard Street, Little Rock; FLORIDA Council on Human Relations, 213 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami; GEORGIA Council on Human Relations, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta; KENTUCKY Council on Human Relations, 208 West Main Street, Frankfort; LOUISIANA Council on Human Relations, Room 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, New Orleans; MISSISSIPPI State Council on Human Relations, P. O. Box 9096, Jackson; NORTH CAROLINA Council on Human Relations, Room 209, 121 East Third Street, Charlotte; SOUTH CAROLINA Council on Human Relations, 1508 Lady Street, Columbia; TENNESSEE Council on Human Relations, 2005 Grand Avenue, Nashville; TEXAS Commission on Race Relations, 504 West 24th Street, Dallas; and VIRGINIA Council on Human Relations, 100 East Franklin Street, Richmond.

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was identified as a member of the Communist Party by two witnesses before this aforementioned Congressional body in 1953. (See HUAC, Annual Report of the Committee on Un-American Activities, 1953, page 35; and "The New York Times," 1-14-56.)

When the United States Department of State demanded FOREMAN'S passports in London, England, in November 1953, they sued in Federal District Court for its return. Claiming that the FOREMANS were not entitled to passports, the Department of State charged that "Mr. FOREMAN has not really resigned from the Communist Party - or, that if he had, he was still under its discipline." Apparently due to the recent Federal Court decision in the LEONARD B. BOUDIN case requiring the Department of State to "disclose its evidence in passport" denial cases, including the utilization of confidential informants, the Department unexpectedly returned FOREMAN'S passports in January 1956. (See "The New York Times," 1-14-56.)

COLUMBIA PICTURES CLAIMS FOREMAN CLEARED - HOUSE COMMITTEE SAYS NO

When Columbia Picture hired FOREMAN last March, the firm acknowledged his unfriendly appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, however, revealed "...in August of 1956, he (FOREMAN) requested and was granted an opportunity to appear again before the Committee in executive session and testified without recourse to the Fifth Amendment." (See "The New York Times," 3-11-57, page C-21.)

The following comment appeared in LOUELLA O. PARSONS' column of June 3, 1957: "There has been so much talk about CARL FOREMAN never having been cleared of his un-American activities charges that I checked with Columbia Studios. I was told that as soon as FOREMAN returned from England where he had been living since the trouble, he requested a hearing and was granted an opportunity to appear in Washington before the House Committee on Un-American Activities where he testified without recourse to the Fifth Amendment. He was cleared by the Committee, August, 1956. I was sure that BILL HOLDEN would not have signed to co-star with SOPHIA LOREN in *Stella*, FOREMAN's first independent picture for Columbia, unless FOREMAN's record was clean. Nobody in the world so thoroughly dislikes leftists more than I, but right is right, and when the United States Government clears a man that's good enough for me." (See "Los Angeles Examiner," 6-3-57.)

THE AMERICAN LEGION'S POSITION

Seriously concerned about FOREMAN's new employment, the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, in May 1957, passed a resolution stating in part as follows: "CARL FOREMAN has not by public testimony established himself as a cooperative witness, under oath, before a Congressional Committee and... (urges) Columbia Pictures Corporation to continue to abide by the policy recently followed by most elements of the film industry with respect to uncooperative witnesses and not finance or distribute feature films produced by CARL FOREMAN until he has publicly testified under oath as a cooperative witness before a Congressional Committee..."

This important resolution pointed out "that the House Committee on Un-American Activities does not or has not, in any manner, issued clearances, that the...Committee...immediately recall CARL FOREMAN to give him the oppor-

tunity to publicly testify under oath before the said Committee and relate his past association and experiences in the Communist Party in a straight forward manner..." In response to the resolution, A. SCHNEIDER, First Vice President and Treasurer of Columbia Pictures stated: "We do feel that any objective review of all of the elements involved in the FOREMAN matter would very clearly indicate that Columbia acted both in good faith and in conformity to a policy which, in fact, was instituted some years ago with Legion guidance."

In support of The American Legion's claim, Representative FRANCIS E. WALTER, Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, on June 12, 1957, declared in effect that FOREMAN was never a "cooperative witness" before his Committee and was never granted a "clearance." Congressman WALTER's full press release is as follows: "My attention has been directed to news releases to the effect that CARL FOREMAN, who was a Hollywood writer-producer, was a 'cooperative' witness in a hearing in August 1956, before the Committee on Un-American Activities, and has been 'cleared' by the Committee on Un-American Activities... The facts are as follows:

"(1) In September 1951, CARL FOREMAN, who had been previously identified as a one-time member of the Communist Party by witnesses under oath, testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities and denied Communist Party membership as of that time, but invoked the Fifth Amendment in response to questions pertaining to alleged past Communist Party membership and declined to answer as to whether certain persons were known by him to have been members of the Communist Party. (2) In August 1956, CARL FOREMAN presented himself for interrogation, under oath, for a staff inquiry. This staff inquiry was not a formal hearing, nor was it ever released by the Committee. (3) The Committee on Un-American Activities has at no time characterized Mr. FOREMAN as a 'cooperative' witness, nor does the Committee grant 'clearance' to any witness and has not done so specifically to Mr. FOREMAN."

The American Legion calls "upon Columbia Pictures and the Motion Picture Industry to cancel its commitments with" CARL NATHAN FOREMAN.

SOVIETS LAUD 1957 COMMUNIST CONVENTION

Attempting "to convey the public impression that it no longer was subservient to the Soviet Union," the Communist Party, U.S.A. has been embarrassingly exposed by an official publication of its Russian masters, which commended the Party's 16th National Convention held in New York City from February 9-12, 1957. In clear-cut language, the praise came from one T. TIMOFEEV on pages 103 and 104 of the March 1957 issue of International Affairs, a monthly journal of political analysis published in Moscow, U.S.S.R., by the Soviet Society for the Popularization of Political and Scientific Knowledge. (See "Firing Line," 3-15-57; and Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, Statement by J. EDGAR HOOVER: "The Communist Party, U.S.A., and its Present Status," March 1957, page 2.)

The Soviet spokesman declared the "firm Marxist-Leninists in the U.S. Communist Party resisted the revisionist and liquidationist moves" during its four-day National Convention. Translated from Communist jargon, the American section of the world-wide Communist revolutionary conspiracy has changed - neither its form nor policies. In claiming that the American Communist "Convention reaffirmed its loyalty to the principles of proletarian internationalism,"

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Honorable John P. Saylor
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I appreciate your letter of July 30, 1957, relative to my appearance before the National Convention of The American Legion at Atlantic City, Thursday, September 19, 1957.

I would, of course, be happy to see Mr. John Salem; however, The American Legion has completely arranged my schedule for the brief time that I will be in Atlantic City. Consequently, I doubt the possibility of arranging for an additional appointment despite the fact that it would be a pleasure to see Mr. Salem. I do hope you will understand. If the situation should change in any way, I will, of course, be glad to advise you accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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cc - Mr. Jones

NOTE: One James John Salem of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, applied for the position of Special Agent in April, 1951. He made a poor appearance, was untidy and had a bad approach. He was utterly devoid of tact, poise, and resourcefulness. He displayed a false sense of over-confidence and was a disgusting braggart. He spoke with a smug sense of superiority concerning drinking to excess and his escapades with women. The applicant had a B.S. degree in education from Ohio University at the time of his application with the Bureau. It is not known whether this individual is identical with the individual mentioned in Congressman Saylor's letter; however, it is certainly deemed inadvisable for the Director to meet with Salem if he is the same individual. The above-mentioned will be included in the brochure being prepared for the Director for The American Legion.

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JOHN P. SAYLOR
TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

July 30, 1957

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is my understanding that you will address
the American Legion National Convention at Atlantic
City on Thursday, September 19, 1957.

My purpose in writing you is to request an
interview, not more than ten minutes, with one of my
constituents, Mr. John ~~X~~ Salem, upon your arrival, or
when it is convenient to you. *n.g. B.C. phd*

Mr. Salem is an Alternate Delegate from the
20th District, American Legion, which comprises part
of my Congressional District, and is a feature writer
for the "Johnstown Observer", one of the outstanding
weekly newspapers of Pennsylvania.

Any consideration you may give this matter
will be greatly appreciated.

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JOHN P. SAYLOR, M. C.

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Honorable W. C. "Dan" Daniel
National Commander
The American Legion
American Legion National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

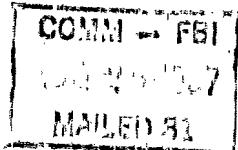
My dear Mr. Daniel:

Inspector C. D. DeLoach has brought copies of your communications to Senator O'Mahoney and Representative Martin to my attention, and I wanted to express my deep appreciation for your urging immediate action by the Congress on the legislation designed to limit disclosure of confidential information in FBI files.

Such support from you and your wonderful organization is indeed reassuring, and my associates and I are extremely grateful for your help in regard to this most important issue..

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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HONORABLE JOSEPH W. MARTIN, JR.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mass.

THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMENDS YOU IN YOUR FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT RELATIVE TO YOUR EXPRESSION OF IMMEDIATE URGENCY FOR PASSAGE OF A BILL TO PROTECT THE FBI FILES. THE RECENT ABEL CASE CLEARLY EMPHASIZES THE IMPERATIVE NEED FOR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF YOUR POSITION AND UNDERSCORES THE DEGREE TO WHICH RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISIONS HAVE COMPROMISED OUR INTERNAL SECURITY. UNLESS THE CONGRESS ENACTS THIS VITALLY NEEDED LEGISLATION THE COMMUNISTS WILL REALIZE THEIR PRESENT OBJECTIVES OF ESCAPING THE PROVISIONS OF THE SMITH ACT AND OTHER INTERNAL SECURITY LAWS.

W. C. DAN DANIEL
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION

Set to Mr. Daniel (and)
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<p>HON. JOS. C. O'MAHONEY U. S. SENATE WASHINGTON, D. C.</p> <p>THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMENDS YOU IN YOUR FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT RELATIVE TO YOUR EXPRESSION OF IMMEDIATE URGENCY FOR PASSAGE OF A BILL TO PROTECT THE FBI FILES. THE RECENT AREL CASE CLEARLY EMPHASIZES THE IMPERATIVE NEED FOR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF YOUR POSITION AND UNDERSCORES THE DEGREE TO WHICH RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISIONS HAVE COMPROMISED OUR INTERNAL SECURITY. UNLESS THE CONGRESS ENACTS THIS VITALLY NEEDED LEGISLATION THE COMMUNISTS WILL REALIZE THEIR PRESENT OBJECTIVES OF ESCAPING THE PROVISIONS OF THE SMITH ACT AND OTHER INTERNAL SECURITY LAWS.</p> <p>W. C. "DAN" DANIEL, NATIONAL COMMANDER, THE AMERICAN LEGION</p>			

W.C. Daniel
Send the above message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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COMMUNISM IN THE ART FIELD

Within recent months, the Board of Trustees of the New York City Public Library accepted for its Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature and History a bust of WILLIAM EDWARD BURGHARDT DUBOIS, which was sculptured by WILLIAM ZORACH. While the public record reflects both individuals have supported many subversive organizations, DUBOIS has been actually named as a member of the Communist Party. (See "The Tablet," 6-29-57, page 1; and "Firing Line," 6-1-57, page 1.)

In a letter of protest to New York City Mayor ROBERT F. WAGNER, GODFREY P. SCHMIDT, President of Aware, Inc., sharply declared many New Yorkers are "amazed and alienated" by the Library's acceptance of DUBOIS' sculptured head and demanded the return of the bust to its doners. SCHMIDT said "the laws of both State and Municipality bar the employment of subversives. To use public facilities to honor men like DUBOIS and ZORACH - even though the sculpture is a gift - is an absurd contradiction of public policy." Remarking "educators know the psychological influence of success on the adolescent mind," SCHMIDT said, "can we even expect young people to believe in the virtues of patriotism and devotion to our Country when her enemies are honored?" (See "The Tablet," 6-29-57, page 1 and 11.) *de 5
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W. E. B. DUBOIS was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, on February 23, 1868. A prolific writer and highly educated, he has received degrees from the following five colleges and universities: Atlanta, Fisk, Harvard, Howard and Wilberforce. According to the Congressional Record of February 23, 1956, page 2806, DUBOIS was listed as one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1909. From 1910 to 1932, he was Director of NAACP publications and editor of The Crisis, its official organ. The public record also reflects DUBOIS was head of NAACP's Department of Special Research from 1944 until his dismissal in 1948. (See "Who's Who In America," 1954-1955, page 738; and "The Tablet," 6-29-57, page 1.)

Testifying before the House Select Committee To Investigate Tax-Exempt Foundations on December 23, 1952, LOUIS F. BUDENZ said, "DUBOIS became a member of the Communist Party approximately in 1944 when this was called to my attention officially by JACK STACHEL," a national leader of the Party. According to the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, DUBOIS' record of affiliation with subversive organizations "takes up nine pages single-spaced." Some of his more important citations are as follows:

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Civil Rights Congress, China Welfare Appeal, Inc., Citizens Emergency Defense Conference, Council on African Affairs, Jefferson School of

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Social Science, Citizens Committee To Free Earl Browder, Southern Negro Youth Congress, National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, and the Peace Information Center. In recent years, he has reportedly been "active in the defense of such Communists as ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, V. J. JEROME, BEN GOLD, GERHARD EISLER, HARRY SACHER, PHILIP FONER, and SIMON GERSON. (See HUAC, Trial By Treason, 1956, page 17; Hearings, Tax-Exempt Foundations, 1952, page 722; and "Congressional Record," 2-23-56, page 2806.)

DUBOIS was a supporter of the National Committee To Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs, a Communist-front which raised over \$302,530.17 in contributions from the American people for the now executed Soviet espionage agents, ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG. Six months before the ROSENBERGS' execution, DUBOIS declared at an open-air rally in New York City on January 8, 1953: "America should be asking a pardon from the Rosenbergs and not the Rosenbergs who should be asking clemency." Ironically, during the burial of the ROSENBERGS, DUBOIS read the twenty-third Psalm. (See HUAC, Trial by Treason, 1957, pages 15, 34, 59 and 113; "Firing Line," 10-1-56, page 86; and HUAC, Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1957, page 60.).

WILLIAM ZORACH, sculptor and painter, was born in Eurburg, Lithuania, on February 28, 1887. According to the 1954-1955 edition of Who's Who In America, page 2963, ZORACH was listed as a sculptor for the new Post Office and Justice Department buildings in Washington, D.C. Elected as "dean of United States sculptors" by Time Magazine in 1956, ZORACH was a participant in a Time, Inc., sponsored traveling exhibit entitled "Sport In Art". Originally booked to be shown during the Olympic games in Australia in the Fall of 1956, the art exhibition was suddenly cancelled by the Department of State, after many protests were received from citizens living in the Dallas, Texas area. It was charged that ZORACH and other artists had records of affiliation with subversive organizations. (See "Congressional Record," 6-14-56, pages 9377, 9380, and 9382.)

During that year, ZORACH experienced other difficulties when under an existing contract with the Bank of the Southwest in Houston, Texas, three panels of sculpture were rejected. The May 21, 1956 edition of The New York Times, page 27, stated ZORACH reluctantly accepted \$56,515 for the unused work from the Texas bank with a "broken heart." (See "Congressional Record," 6-14-56, pages 9382 and 9383.)

It may interest Firing Line readers to learn that ZORACH sculptured a bust of Rev. JOHN HOWARD MELISH, who was removed from the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn Heights, New York, in 1949, because he refused to dismiss his son, Rev. WILLIAM HOWARD MELISH, as assistant minister. After his father left, WILLIAM MELISH remained in the Church in the capacity of a supply priest, despite stormy unsuccessful efforts to oust him. A Director of the Communist-front, National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., since its inception in 1944, WILLIAM MELISH's name was shown on the records of the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) to have been a member of the Communist Party. After a 11-year old fight, the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court ruled on June 24, 1957, WILLIAM MELISH should be dismissed from his post as acting minister. SHIRLEY GRAHAM, an identified Communist and wife of W. E. B. DUBOIS, has been listed as an active pro-MELISH parishioner of this Church. (See "The Tablet," 6-29-57, page 11; "New York Times", 6-26-57, page 28; SACB, Recommended Decision, Docket No. 104-53, Appendix B, 1955, page vii; and "The New York Herald Tribune", 4-16-56).

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities revealed ZORACH has a four-page record of affiliations with subversive organizations. Among these, ZORACH has supported the following: American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, American Continental Congress for World Peace, Civil Rights Congress, John Reed Clubs, National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, American Committee To Save Refugees, American Russian Institute, Schappes Defense Committee, Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and the American Pushkin Committee. In 1949, ZORACH signed a statement defending the 12 top national leaders of the Communist Party, U.S.A. (See "Congressional Record," 6-14-56, pages 9382 and 9383; and Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Appendix IX, 1944, pages 360, 1098, 1562, 1648 and 1772.)

AN INSTRUMENT OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA

USSR Illustrated Monthly, official organ of the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in the United States, has been prepared with the journalistic assistance of two Americans who were identified as member of the Communist Party, U.S.A., namely, TRAVIS K. HEDRICK and LOUIS LERMAN. In his annual report to the Congress of the United States on the administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, Attorney General HERBERT BRONWELL, JR., listed these individuals as foreign agents who were employed in editorial capacities by the Soviet Embassy's USSR Illustrated Monthly during 1956.

This Soviet magazine, published through an agreement between the governments of the United States and the Soviet Union since August 1956, is printed (50,000 copies) and distributed in the United States at an annual subscription rate of \$1.80. Reciprocally, the agreement also provides for the distribution of United States monthly American Illustrated in the Soviet Union for five rubles, or at the official exchange rate of \$1.25 a copy. It is interesting to note single issues of USSR Illustrated Monthly can be purchased in the United States for only \$.20 each. While the Soviet Embassy's address is 1125 - 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., its magazine office is actually located at 1706 - 18th Street, N. W. Presently, USSR Illustrated Monthly is printed by The Cuneo Press, Inc., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (See "The Sun," 7-22-56; and "USSR Illustrated Monthly," No. 9, 1957.)

USSR Information Bulletin, predecessor of USSR Illustrated Monthly, was published in this country by the Soviet Embassy from the early 1940's until it was ordered discontinued by the United States Department of State in July 1952. This suspension order climaxed the Soviet Union's persistent efforts to "kill" Amerika, the then United States magazine which had been circularizing in the Soviet Union. YURI V. NOVIKOV, Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, was the editor of USSR Information Bulletin prior to its suspension. In January 1953, the Department of State declared NOVIKOV "persona non grata" and ordered his immediate departure from this country because of his participation in espionage activities on behalf of the Soviet Union. (See Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, Scope of Soviet Activity In The United States, Part 9, 1956, pages 433 and 434; Communist Propaganda Activities In The United States, 1951, page 82; and "The Sun," 7-22-56.)

According to The American Legion files, two staff members of the Soviet Embassy have been affiliated with the production of USSR Illustrated Monthly in the following capacities: ENVER MAMEDOV, Editor-in-Chief; and VALERY YURYEV, Managing Editor. Measuring 10½ by 14 inches, the 64-page

English-language brightly colored Soviet periodical attempts to present alleged candid national life of the Soviet people living in the land of God-less Communism, under a brutal regime. Regardless of its attractive format, Americans will not be fooled by this slick expensive instrument of Communist propaganda. (See "USSR Illustrated Monthly," letterheads, 1956 and 1957.)

LOUIS LERMAN, a Technical Editor for USSR Illustrated Monthly, received a salary of \$4,047.64 from the Soviet Union in 1956. According to a Congressional hearing, LERMAN was dismissed from the faculty of the City College of New York for being a "Communist" instructor at the School For Democracy, a now defunct Communist institution. During the year 1942, as a faculty member at this subversive school, LERMAN taught a course in short story writing. (See Report of the Attorney General, Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act For The Calendar Year 1956, June 1957, pages 25, 84 and 102; Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, Hearings, Institute of Pacific Relations, Part 12, 1952, pages 4156 and 4157; and Special Committee On Un-American Activities, Appendix IX, 1944, pages 930 and 932.)

A resident of 52 Irving Street, New York 3, New York, LERMAN has contributed to the Communist periodical, New Masses and was affiliated with the Schappes Defense Committee, another subversive organization. The public record also reflects LERMAN was a staff member of the Jefferson School of Social Science, a recently defunct Communist-front which was a successor to the School For Democracy. The Communist Daily Worker of January 13, 1955, page 7, listed LERMAN as a Jefferson School instructor in a "writing workshop" course entitled, "Writing for Progressives." (See HUAC, Hearings Regarding Jack E. McMichael, 1953, pages 2793 and 2795; HUAC, Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1957, page 49; and HUAC, Testimony of Walter S. Steele, Regarding Communist Activity In The United States, 1947, pages 47 and 49.)

TRAVIS KEENE HEDRICK, an Editorial Assistant for both the USSR Information Bulletin and USSR Illustrated Monthly, has received \$16,800 in salary from the Soviet Union since 1950. Of this figure, HEDRICK was paid \$11,200 for professional services in connection with the two Soviet magazines. According to the testimony of a former Federal Bureau of Investigation Confidential Informant, HEDRICK was named as a Chairman of a Communist Party News paper Club in District 4, (Maryland-District of Columbia area of the Party). He was also a member of the Communist Political Association from June 1944 to October 1945. (See Report of the Attorney General, Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, June 1955, page 184; For The Calendar Year 1956, June 1957, pages 24, 84 and 98; HUAC, Hearings Relating to Communist Activities In The Defense Area of Baltimore, Part 1, 1951, page 744; and HUAC, Communism In The District of Columbia-Maryland Area, 1951, page 4477.)

HEDRICK appeared before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on September 11, 1951 and invoked the Fifth Amendment many times when asked about membership and activities in the Communist Party and its front organizations. A former staff writer for the Communist Daily People's World, HEDRICK has been employed by the Federated Press and the Telegraph Agency of the U.S.S.R. (TASS.). He was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1904, and is presently residing in Washington, D. C. (See Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, Communist Propaganda Activities In The United States, 1956, pages 99-121; and HUAC, Testimony of Walter S. Steele Regarding Communist Activity In The U. S., 1947, pages 303.)

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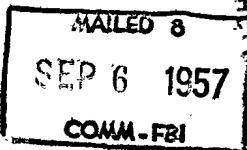
Dear Mr. Schwengel:

I am very grateful for your invitation to attend the reception to be held in honor of the National Commander of the American Legion, the National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, and the past National Commanders and past National Presidents at the Shelburne Hotel, September 16, 1957.

Although I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to being in Atlantic City shortly prior to September 19, 1957, the day I am scheduled to address the convention, my schedule at this time is rather uncertain and I find it impossible to definitely state on what day I will arrive in Atlantic City, consequently I must decline your kind invitation.

With best wishes for a very successful event,

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



cc-Mr. Jones

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In Honor Of The
National Commander of the American Legion and the
National President of the American Legion Auxiliary
and the
~~Past National Commanders and Past National Presidents~~
~~Mr. J. Edgar Hoover~~
are cordially invited
to attend the "Parade Rest" Reception
The Terrace - Shelburne Hotel
On the Boardwalk overlooking the Parade
Atlantic City, New Jersey
Monday, September 16, 1957 - from 10:00 A. M.

(Please present this card)

HOSTS (Frank R. Schwengel
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I do (do not) accept your invitation to attend the Reception for National Commander of the American Legion and the National President of the American Legion Auxiliary on the Terrace, Shelburne Hotel, Boardwalk, Atlantic City, N. J., Monday, September 16th, 1957 from 10:00 A. M.

FRANK R. SCHWENGEL

405 LEXINGTON AVENUE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: September 5, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLSON

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
 ATLANTIC CITY
 SEPTEMBER 16-19, 1957

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At prior national conventions of The American Legion, the Director has approved the attendance of Special Agent Don Hanning of the Crime Records Section to assist Inspector DeLoach in handling the Bureau's interests, contacts, and to attend various committee meetings during the course of the convention. We had planned on having Hanning attend the Atlantic City convention this year, however, his father died in Connecticut this past week and his wife is expected to undergo a Caesarean operation next week which will require Agent Hanning to remain here in Washington, as he should.

Inspector DeLoach, in addition to his normal contact relationship with members on the national office level of The American Legion and his membership on the Americanism Commission of The American Legion, will this year have considerable additional burdens at the convention as he is now Commander for the District of Columbia and as such will have some 400 Legionnaires from this area representing the 21,000 members and he will necessarily have to be responsible for many of the activities of these people. Despite his responsibilities he will, of course, be completely available to you and the Director any time you desire his services; also, there will be countless numbers of Legionnaires who might attempt to contact the Director and he, of course, will see to it that such attempts are brought to your attention.

In view of Hanning's unavailability due to circumstances beyond his control, I recommend that Special Agent [redacted] of the Crime Records Section, who is a veteran and who handles himself smoothly and intelligently, be designated to attend the convention and assist Mr. DeLoach in the work which will have to be done on the various committees.

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Mr. Nichols

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M. A. Jones

SPECIAL MEMORANDUM
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

Per your request, there are attached the original and two copies of a special memorandum on Atlantic City.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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INTRODUCTION

Mr. W. C. "Dan" Daniel, National Commander of the American Legion, by letter dated October 11, 1956, extended an invitation for the Director to address the American Legion National Convention in 1957. The letter advised that the Convention would be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, from September 16 through 19 and the Legion would consider it a great honor to have the Director address the group.

The Director wrote Daniel on October 17, 1956, stating that it would be a pleasure to address the National Convention and he would leave it to the Legion to select the date and time they would like for him to speak. The Director is scheduled to speak at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 19, 1957.

ATLANTIC CITY

Atlantic City, New Jersey, is located in Atlantic County and has a population of 61,657 according to the 1957 census. This city is called the "Playground of America" and is one of the best known sea-shore resort cities in the eastern United States. There are 341 hotels in Atlantic City and many of the larger hotels front on the boardwalk adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean. The boardwalk is sixty feet wide and five miles long and was the first of its kind in the United States.

Atlantic City is well known as the home of the Miss America Pageant which will be held in September, 1957, prior to the American Legion Convention. Many conventions are held in Atlantic City and assemble in Convention Hall, described as the largest auditorium in the world.

A street map of Atlantic City is attached as Exhibit "A".

A diagram of the main floor plan of Atlantic City Convention Hall is also attached, as Exhibit "B".

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**THE CHALFONTE-HADDON HALL
NORTH CAROLINA AVENUE AND THE BOARDWALK
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY**

The Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, which has 1,001 rooms, is owned and operated by Leeds and Lippincott Company. Mr. Joseph I. McDonnell, an SAC contact of the Newark Office, is Vice President and General Manager. Bufiles reflect no derogatory information identifiable with the hotel or Joseph I. McDonnell.

The Director will occupy Suite 1007-1011, which fronts on the Atlantic Ocean. A floor plan of the hotel has been obtained and is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

JOINT OPENING SESSION

**OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1957, CONVENTION HALL
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY**

8:30 a.m.

**CONCERT - National Championship
Band, Olympia Post No. 3, The
American Legion, Olympia,
Washington**

9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME
Hon. Robert B. Meyner,
Governor of New Jersey
Hon. Joseph Altman, Mayor of
Atlantic City
Hon. Harry N. Weeks, Jr.,
Commander, Department of New
Jersey, The American Legion
Hon. Albert E. McCormick,
President, Ameri-Legion National
Convention Corporation of 1957

10:15 a.m.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION
MEMORIAL SERVICE**
Invocation - Dr. Tom B. Clark
Past National Chaplain
SOLO: There Is No Death,
Morton Downey, Official Soloist
Memorial Address - Rev. Bernard
W. Gerdon, National Chaplain
Lighting of the Convention Peace
Candle
Benediction - Chaplain (Capt.) Kalman de Fer
Levitian, USAF
Taps

9:00 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER - W. C. "Dan"
Daniel (Virginia), National Commander
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS -
National Championship Color Guard,
Kankakee Post No. 85, The American
Legion, Kankakee, Illinois**

**SOLO - The Star-Spangled Banner,
Morton Downey, Official Soloist**

**INVOCATION - Rev. Bernard W.
Gerdon (Indiana), National Chaplain
CALL FOR CONVENTION - Emil A.
Blackmore (Wyoming), National Adjutant**

10:00 a.m.

**RESPONSE TO ADDRESSES OF WEL-
COME**

**Hon. J. Addington Wagner (Michigan),
Past National Commander, The American
Legion**

10:45 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

11:00 a.m.

GREETINGS:

**Mrs. Carl M. Zeller (Ohio), National
President, The American Legion Auxiliary
Chester F. Naumowicz, Chef de Chemin
de Fer (Maryland) Forty and Eight**

**Dr. Lyman V. Ginger, President of
the National Education Association**

**H. V. Higley, Administrator of Veter-
ans' Affairs Commissioner Norman S. Mar-
shall, National Commander Designate of the
Salvation Army**

**Philip M. Talbott, President, United
States Chamber of Commerce**

11:45 a.m.		12:00 noon	
PRESENTATION OF AMERICANISM AWARD TO ROBERT W. SARNOFF, PRESIDENT NATIONAL BROAD- CASTING COMPANY		ADDRESS General Alfred M. Gruenthal, Presi- dent, American Red Cross	
12:30 p.m.		12:45 p.m.	
REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMANDER DANIEL		PRESENTATION OF THE DISTIN- GUISHED SERVICE MEDAL TO MOST REVEREND FULTON J. SHEEN, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF NEW YORK Presentation - Arthur J. Connell (Connecticut), Past National Commander Address - Bishop Sheen	
2:00 p.m.		7:00 p.m.	
ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL AWARDS		National Commander Daniel's Banquet to Distinguished Guests Presentation of American Legion Distin- guished Service Medal to General Mark Clark Address: General Mark Clark	
2:30 p.m.			
SALUTE TO COLORS RECESS			
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1957			
8:45 a.m.		9:00 a.m.	
CONCERT		CALL TO ORDER - Dan Daniel, National Commander SALUTE TO THE COLORS THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER INVOCATION - Rev. Bernard W. Gerden (Indiana), National Chaplain	
9:15 a.m.			
REPORTS OF CONVENTION COM- MITTEES: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS			
9:30 a.m.		9:45 a.m.	
FINANCE		ECONOMIC Employment and Veterans' Preference Other Economic Matters	
10:30 a.m.			
AMERICANISM			
11:00 a.m.		11:30 a.m.	
ADDRESS Paul Harvey, Radio Commentator, ABC Network Presentation of Citation to Paul Harvey		FOREIGN RELATIONS CHILD WELFARE	
		12 noon	

1:00 p.m.	Presentation of Citation to The Seeing Eye, Inc.	1:15 p.m.	REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES: REHABILITATION Claims and Rating Hospitals and Medical Services
2:00 p.m.		2:35 p.m.	Report of Special Committee on Uniform Code of Military Justice - Franklin Riter (Utah), Chairman
	SECURITY Military Affairs Naval Affairs Aeronautics Merchant Marine Civil Defense	2:45 p.m.	
	SALUTE TO THE COLORS		RECESS
			THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1957
8:45 a.m.		9:00 a.m.	CALL TO ORDER - Dan Daniel (Virginia) National Commander
	CONCERT		
9:15 a.m.	UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Including reports held over from previous sessions)		SALUTE TO COLORS THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER
			INVOCATION - Rev. Bernard Gerdon (Indiana), National Chaplain
11:00 a.m.	ADDRESS - J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation	12 noon	ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS: National Chaplain Five (5) National Vice-Commanders National Commander
	SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:		
12:30 p.m.	Presentation of Colors to Outgoing National Commander	1:00 p.m.	Presentation of Colors to Incoming National Commander
	Presentation - Donald R. Wilson (West Virginia) Past National Commander		Response - New National Commander
			1:30 p.m.
			Presentation of newly elected National President of The American Legion Auxiliary and newly elected Chef de Chemin de Fer of Forty and Eight
	UNFINISHED BUSINESS		
	BENEDICTION		
	RETIREMENT OF COLORS		
	FINAL ADJOURNMENT		

MEMORANDUM

September 3, 1957

I. THE AMERICAN LEGION

Brief History

The American Legion was born at a caucus of the first American Expeditionary Force (AEF) in Paris, France, March 15 to 17, 1919, dedicated to the service of the community, state and nation. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., then a Lieutenant Colonel in the First Division of the AEF, acted as chairman of the originating caucus and has thereafter been referred to as the "Father of The American Legion." The American Legion was chartered by the United States Congress on September 16, 1919. The charter convention of The American Legion was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on November 10, 11, 12, 1919.

National Headquarters

The National Headquarters of The American Legion is located at 700 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis 6, Indiana.

National Officers of The American Legion (1956-1957)

Commander

W. C. "Dan" Daniel
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

(The Bureau has enjoyed very friendly relations and close cooperation with Commander Daniel.)

Vice Commanders

J. Edward Walter
114 Talbot Avenue
Cambridge, Maryland

Gaylor M. Brown
Whiting, Iowa

Carl R. Moser
2410 Northeast Hoyt Street
Portland, Oregon

John F. Stay
2008 Devereaux Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

George T. Lewis, Jr.
Sterick Building
Memphis, Tennessee

Chaplain Reverend Bernard W. Gerdon
 519 East Vermont Street
 Indianapolis, Indiana

Historian Robert T. Fairey
 1501 Maple Street
 Columbia, South Carolina

Treasurer Neal Grider
 700 North Pennsylvania Street
 Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Judge Advocate Ralph B. Gregg
 700 North Pennsylvania Street
 Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Adjutant E. A. Blackmore
 700 North Pennsylvania Street
 Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Probable National Commander (1957-1958)

National Commander of The American Legion
W. C. "Dan" Daniel has confidentially advised that John S. Gleason
of Chicago has been selected as the next National Commander and
there is little doubt regarding his final election.

Gleason is married and has six sons and is vice president of The First National Bank of Chicago. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Harvard University School of Business. A veteran of World War II, he spent five years in the U. S. Army and was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with two clusters, and the Soldiers Medal. He was honorably discharged in the rank of Major in 1946 and at the present time has the rank of Brigadier General and assistant commander of the 85th Infantry Division in the Illinois National Guard.

Gleason personally organized The First National Bank of Chicago Post of The American Legion in 1946, served as first commander of this Post and has since that time served on various committees on district, county, and department levels.

Number of Posts and Membership

There are currently some 17,000 posts of the American Legion in existence. Total Legion membership is approximately 2,800,000.

FBI Post Number 56

FBI Post Number 56 of The American Legion was chartered in May, 1946. It has a current membership of approximately 250. Special Agent Wallace A. Hawkins of the Washington Field Office is the present Commander of this Post.

American Legion Publications

The American Legion publishes the monthly magazine "The American Legion Magazine" which goes to every Legion member, and the National Legislative Commission publishes a monthly "National Legislative Bulletin," during sessions of Congress which is available to all departments, posts and members. The National Americanism Commission issues a semi-monthly publication to key Legionnaires entitled "The Firing Line" which is designed to inform members of all subversive activities.

Legion Cooperation With FBI

The Bureau's American Legion Contact Program was reinstated in 1950 for the purpose of alerting Legionnaires throughout the country relative to the FBI's responsibilities in the field of internal security. Appropriate post officers throughout the country were contacted by Agents, the Bureau's responsibilities explained and their cooperation invited. The program was well received in Legion circles, has created a great deal of good will and has resulted in keeping individual Legion members and posts from conducting their own security investigations. A number of good cases have resulted from information furnished to the Bureau under this program by Legion members. A similar program existed during World War II and was discontinued in 1946.

II. NATIONAL CRIME PICTURE

A. Trends

City and Rural Crime Trends, 1955-1956

The year 1956 was marked by a new high in major crimes throughout the country. Major crimes increased in 7 of 8 categories to a record total of 2,563,150, representing an increase of 13.3 percent above 1955, and surpassing the 2 and a half million mark for the first time. City crimes increased 12.7 percent while crimes committed outside of cities rose 15.5 percent. A comparison of the more serious crimes reflects the following figures for 1956:

<u>Offense</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Rural</u>
Murder	+5.8%	-5.4%
Negligent manslaughter	+4.1%	-2.7%
Rape	+9.1%	+2.7%
Robbery	-1.9%	+1.7%
Aggravated assault	+1.9%	+11.3%
Burglary	+5.4%	+10.0%
Larceny	+16.6%	+22.2%
Auto thefts	+18.0%	+13.2%
Total Change	+12.7%	+15.5%

Crime in 1956 (City and Rural)

As major crimes surpassed the two and a half million mark in 1956 for the first time, a comparison of population growth in the U. S. with major crimes committed shows that since 1950, the rate of crime has increased 4 times as fast as the rate of population. During this period, crime has increased 43 percent, while population has increased 11 percent.

All crimes against the person increased in 1956. There were 6,970 murders, an increase of 1.8 percent; 5,650 cases of negligent manslaughter, an increase of .7 percent; 20,300 rapes, an increase of 6.3 percent; and 96,430 aggravated assaults, an increase of 4.0 percent.

An overall increase of 13.8 percent was noted in crimes against property, with property loss due to robberies, burglaries, auto thefts and larcenies mounting to about 440 million dollars. While robberies decreased by 720 or 1.3 percent, they totaled 56,770. There were 525,720 burglaries involving about 90 million dollars and representing an increase of 6.7 percent. Automobile thefts increased by 16.1 percent over 1955. In 263,720 auto thefts, automobiles valued at about 230 million dollars were stolen. Larcenies (except autos) increased 16.7 percent and involved stolen property valued at roughly 108 million dollars.

Change in Number of Major Crimes, 1955-1956

<u>Number of Offenses</u>		<u>Change</u>	
<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total 2,262,450	2,563,150	+ 300,700	+ 13.3

B. Juvenile Crime Trends - 1956

Arrests of young people under 18 increased 17.3 percent in cities in 1956, while arrests in all other age groups increased only 2.6 percent during this same period. In cities of over 25,000 people, there was an increase of 16.5 percent in arrests of young people under 18, while in communities of less than 25,000 inhabitants, a 20.9 percent increase was noted. Of those persons under 18 arrested in 1956, 40.1 percent were not yet 15 years of age. The criminal activities of youths in major crimes appeared to be concentrated in the property crimes--robbery, burglary, auto theft and other larcenies--where they represented 52.3 percent of persons arrested in 1956. Of all persons arrested for auto theft alone, they represented 88.4 percent.

III. WORK OF THE FBI

A. BUREAU ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE 1956 AND 1957 FISCAL YEARS

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Convictions	10,957	11,218
Actual Sentences:		
Years	16,614	16,010
Fines	\$1,412,447	\$1,239,597
Savings	\$88,488,601	\$46,084,954
Recoveries	\$33,336,833	\$31,888,886
Fugitives Located	8,755	9,148
Automobiles Recovered	14,636	15,215
Renegotiation Act Claims		
Adjusted in Favor of The Government	\$5,654,556	\$10,177,585

B. CLASSIFICATIONS

Bank Robbery

An analysis of the number of Bank Robbery Statute violations for the calendar years 1950 through 1956, and the first 6 months of 1957 reflects the following:

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Robberies</u>	<u>Burglaries</u>	<u>Larcenies</u>
1950	100	98	28
1951	107	132	34
1952	170	135	23
1953	248	154	16
1954	307	176	34
1955	306	160	60
1956	280	131	39
1957 (first six months)	114	82	21

New Jersey Bank Robberies, 1956-1957

During the calendar year 1956, there were 56 bank robbery violations in New Jersey. During the first 7 months of 1957, there have been 8 bank robbery violations in New Jersey. There were no bank robbery violations in Atlantic City during either of these periods.

Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution, Confinement or Testimony

Fugitive apprehensions in this category for the fiscal years 1950 through 1957 are as follows:

1950 - 444	1954 - 607
1951 - 570	1955 - 653
1952 - 501	1956 - 902
1953 - 539	1957 - 947

Automobile Theft

The number of automobile thefts in the United States during the calendar year 1956, rose sharply above the 1955 figure -- increasing 16.1 percent. During the 1957 fiscal year, there were 4,836 convictions resulting from prosecutions authorized in cases investigated by the FBI in this category, an all-time high. The FBI located 941 fugitives, and savings and recoveries amounted to \$17,936,439.

It should be noted to counteract this serious violation, the FBI conducted a series of conferences dealing with this problem. During calendar year 1956, a total of 178 specialized conferences were held throughout the country, one in New Jersey. This conference was attended by representatives from 128 different agencies.

C. PERSONNEL FIGURES

The total number of FBI employees, including Special Agents, as of July 31, 1957, was 14,143. The total number of Special Agents employed as of the same date was 8,198.

COOPERATIVE FUNCTIONS

A. Identification Division

As of July 31, 1957, there were 146,126,059 sets of prints on file, of which 30,782,366 were criminal prints. In July, 1957, the Bureau received 527,685 sets of prints of which 30.78 percent were criminal prints. During 1957, 15,440 fugitives were identified through fingerprint comparisons, an all-time high. There were 1,227 fugitives identified during the month of July. During 1957 fiscal year, there were 13,038 contributors and an average of 22,683 fingerprint cards received each working day, as compared with an average of 20,887 for last year. A total of 5,152 fingerprint cards were received from Atlantic City in 1957, of which 822 were criminal and 4,330 were civil.

B. FBI LABORATORY (FISCAL YEAR 1957)

The volume of work received by the FBI Laboratory during fiscal year 1957 reached the highest total in its 25 year history. There were 33,103 requests for assistance involving 160,643 scientific examinations of 134,683 specimens of evidence as compared with 142,627 examinations conducted during the previous fiscal year. During the 1957 fiscal year, 333 examinations of evidence were made for municipal and state law enforcement agencies in New Jersey.

C. FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

The 59th Session of the FBI National Academy was concluded on June 6, 1957. With this session, the total number of graduates reached 3,360. The 60th Session of the FBI National Academy began on August 19, 1957, and of the 92 law enforcement officers in the class, three are from New Jersey.

At present, there are a total of 104 National Academy graduates in good standing and active in New Jersey law enforcement, but only one in Atlantic City.

Of the total number of 2,330 FBI National Academy graduates actively engaged in law enforcement work as of June 30, 1957, 657 of those graduates, or roughly 28 percent, occupy top executive positions in their law enforcement agencies.

D. POLICE TRAINING

A total of 3,325 training schools were conducted by the FBI for municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies during the 1957 fiscal year. There were 116 of these training schools in New Jersey.

IV. SMITH ACT DATA

One hundred forty-five communist leaders have been indicted since 1949 for violations of the Smith Act. Statistics are as follows:

Indicted	145
Convicted	108 (Includes 5 others convicted in Pittsburgh and granted new trials on 10-10-56; 9 others convicted in California and assured of new trials by Supreme Court decision 6-17-57; and 6 others convicted in Detroit, Michigan, and assured of new trials by Supreme Court decision on 6-24-57)
Acquitted	15
Severed from trial due to illness	6

V. COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

The Communist Party, USA, since emerging from its 16th National Convention in February, 1957, as an animated organization, has given indications of an upsurge in all phases of Party Activity.

The Party continues its advocacy of peaceful co-existence and competition between capitalist and socialist nations in the field of international relations. Placing great emphasis on the need for further disarmament and a ban on the testing of nuclear weapons, the Party also espouses joint action between the United States and the Soviet Union as a means of achieving a lasting peace between Israel and the Arab nations.

The Party has issued repeated calls for another Geneva Conference to reduce international tensions, and in its propaganda claims that all foreign aid should be coordinated through the United Nations. It also supports the claim of communist China for admission to the UN and, in line with Soviet propaganda, affirms that war is no longer inevitable.

With respect to domestic issues, the Party regards the current economic prosperity with skepticism, and traces inflationary trends to Government expenditures for armaments and to the excess profits of the large corporations. The Party is demanding a reduction in taxes for the low income group, and seeks expansion of the Federal program of social welfare.

The Party has recently emphasized its claim of independence from communists in other nations in formulating policies, and has designated the organization of an anti-monopoly coalition as its principal immediate task.

Seeking further to gain acceptance as a legitimate political party, the Communist Party now stresses the claim that it advocates a peaceful transition to Socialism and has officially adopted a "new approach," more conciliatory than in the past toward other Socialist - oriented groups, presaging an effort to find, with such groups, areas of agreement.

In the racial problem the Party is placing considerable emphasis on the efforts of Negroes to gain complete equality, and, it is anticipated, will intensify attempts to exploit grievances of this minority group.

Atlantic City

Crime Conditions

No information has been reported indicating the existence of organized gangs in Atlantic City.

Marco Reginelli who died in May, 1956, was reported to control gambling and racket activities in Camden and the South Jersey Areas. It was reported to the Philadelphia Office in November, 1956, that Dominic Olivett of Camden, New Jersey, was taking over control of Reginelli's activities. The Atlantic City Resident Agency was advised in July, 1956, that Herman "Stumpy" Orman was boss of rackets in Atlantic City with his partner Fred Massucci.

It appears that considerable "jockeying" is going on between Reginelli's "heirs" to determine who will have future control of rackets.

There are numerous gambling and prostitution establishments in Atlantic City. The gambling places in general take horse bets and engage in the numbers business although other types of gambling are carried on.

The Atlantic County holdover Grand Jury presentment to Atlantic City Superior Court Judge Anthony Cafario on June 29, 1956 reported it found no evidence of corruption in the police department or any proof of "protective" gambling activities as alleged in a report filed by a minister's group. The Jury did find that "subsurface" gambling and "some vice" existed in the resort, but it determined the conditions as "reasonably under control." ("Atlantic City Press")

The Newark Office advised on August 1, 1957, that it is still the practice that ranking officers in the Atlantic City Police Department are designated in an acting capacity to circumvent permanent promotions to those ranks through Civil Service examinations.

NUMBER OF OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE ATLANTIC CITY POLICE

Murder non-neg- ligent man- slaughter	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault	Burglary breaking and entering	Larceny-theft \$50 and Under	Auto Theft over \$50	
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						<u>1955</u>
4	28	110	543	399	429	134
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						<u>1956</u>
3	36	98	555	400	361	219

CRIME FIGURES (These figures will not be released for publication.)

Major crimes for the first six months of 1957 in comparison with the same period last year are as follows:

Murder decreased 50.0 percent; robbery was up 81.8 percent; aggravated assault decreased 7.8; burglary was up 39.2 percent; larceny decreased by 9.8 percent and auto.theft was up 54.7 percent.

ATLANTIC CITY - PRESS

Atlantic City Press (Morning)
Press Publishing Company
Stanley Fink, Editor
Circulation 30,716
Relationship: Satisfactory

Our relations with the "Atlantic City Press" have generally been favorable, and the Director wrote Fink four letters between 1951 and 1954 conveying appreciation for four editorials very favorable to the Bureau. These editorials were entitled "Thirty Years A G-Man," "Capture of Communist Fugitives," "Communists In The Schools" and "FBI Rounding Up Communist Leaders." Additional letters were sent to Francis E. Croasdale, who was editor prior to Fink, from 1936 until 1951, concerning favorable editorials. It is to be noted that the "Atlantic City Press" was considered an unfriendly newspaper from 1940 until 1943 following the publication of an editorial in May, 1940, entitled "First With The Trigger" which inferred that FBI Agents shot first and asked questions afterwards.

We have not written the "Atlantic City Press" since May 18, 1954.

No other daily newspapers are published in Atlantic City.

Our relations with the newspapers in the larger cities in New Jersey are satisfactory, and we have had cordial correspondence with the newspapers published in the larger cities of that state including Camden, Elizabeth, Jersey City, Passaic, Patterson, Trenton and Newark. While our relations with the "Newark Evening News" have generally been favorable, Arthur Sylvester, Washington correspondent for the "Newark Evening News" has demonstrated a hostile attitude toward the Bureau on a number of occasions.

Sylvester has been the Washington correspondent since April, 1944. Following a story published by the "Newark Evening News" in July, 1947, the Director stated that all future dealings with the paper should be most formal and restricted. Sylvester called Mr. Nichols in January, 1949, stating that he believed a car in the vicinity of his home was an FBI automobile on surveillance. It was determined that he was incorrect in this assumption. Sylvester has invited the Director to speak at various luncheons in Newark and Washington, D. C., all of which were declined. In November, 1953, the "Newark Evening News" ran a feature story concerning Harry Dexter White under Sylvester's by-line wherein he quoted G. Frederick Mullen as saying the FBI had departed from its usual practice and presented conclusions of its own in material transmitted to the White House and other Government officials regarding this case. It was determined that Sylvester was incorrect in reporting on this occasion, and he was contacted and advised of this fact.

On February 5, 1955, the Director attended a banquet at the Statler Hotel in Washington given by the Radio and Television Correspondents Association. The Director was seated next to Arthur Sylvester, who made derogatory remarks regarding the poor quality of Bureau Agents and classified them as "clucks." Sylvester made other allegations critical of the Bureau and our operations, and the Director set him straight on all points. In describing the incident in a memorandum dated February 7, 1955, the Director concluded that Sylvester was not to be contacted at any time by representatives of the FBI in view of his basically hostile and prejudiced attitude toward the Bureau.

SPEECH, RADIO AND TELEVISION MATTERS

A. Speeches

The Director received invitations to speak or attend meetings in New Jersey on the following occasions from August through November, 1957:

- 8- -57 Police Athletic League, Inc., Passaic, New Jersey.
- 8-26-57 Annual convention of International Association for Identification, Atlantic City, New Jersey.
- 9-18-57 To attend the Annual States Dinner of the American Legion Auxiliary in the ballroom of Convention Hall, Atlantic City, New Jersey.
- 10- -57 Annual meeting of the Maplewood Civic Association, Maplewood, New Jersey.
- 11- -57 Red Mass, Catholic Lawyers' Guild of Newark, New Jersey.
- 11-14-57 1957 Civic Dinner, Eastern Region, Catholic Press Association of the United States, Trenton, New Jersey.
- 11-14-57 Annual convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Following is a list of speeches by SAC Bernard C. Brown in August and September, 1957:

- 8-27-57 Rotary Club, Freehold, New Jersey.
- 8-29-57 Kiwanis Club, Ridgfield Park, New Jersey.
- 9-11-57 Hillside Kiwanis Club, Union, New Jersey.

From January 1, 1957, through July, 1957, Bureau representatives made 143 speeches in New Jersey. Of this number, SAC Brown made 34 and the balance were made by the Assistant Special Agent in Charge and other Bureau approved speakers.

No speeches have been made in Atlantic City by the SAC or ASAC to date in 1957.

B. Radio And Television Participation:

In Newark, New Jersey, Television Station WATV participates in the Bureau's Top Ten program.

LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATIONS:

Our relations with the rank and file of the Atlantic City Police Department are favorable and we have received co-operation from most of the officers in the police department. One National Academy graduate, [redacted] a graduate of the 43rd Session of the National Academy, is on active duty with the Atlantic City Police Department and has been completely cooperative with representatives of this Bureau.

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On August 9, 1956, Jerry J. Sullivan was sworn in as Chief of Police and his permanent appointment to this position, confirmed by the Civil Service Commission after three other police captains who were eligible to take the examination for the post waived their rights to compete for the position. The newly created position of Deputy Chief of Police in the Atlantic City Police Department was filled by [redacted] formerly in charge of the Accident Bureau. The Deputy Chief was given full charge of the Traffic Department, the Accident Bureau and the Parking Meter Department.

The 1956 holdover Atlantic County Grand Jury investigated the large number of "acting" officials in the Atlantic City Police Department. The grand jury noted that in June, 1956, the department had an Acting Chief, Acting Captain and most of the Sergeants were serving in an acting capacity. All of the present Detective Captains were acting, although only one of them was receiving the full salary of that position. The last Civil Service examination for Captain of Detectives was held in 1951 and the last test for Sergeant was about ten years ago. The "Newark Evening News" of June 12, 1956, quoted the report of the Ministerial Association of Greater Atlantic City as follows: "There seems to be no merit system whatsoever in the department. (Police Department) We have found that there exists in the department not only political influence but shady influence where even to get a position in a radio car or inside work or a good beat, the police must get the consent of precinct captains, ward leaders or even influential racket men."

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT AGENCY

The Atlantic City, New Jersey, Resident Agency of the Newark Office is located in the Old Post Office Building at Pennsylvania and Pacific Avenues.

The Resident Agency telephone number is ATLantic City 6-1191.

**PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY
RESIDENT AGENCY**

LEO T. CLARK - SENIOR RESIDENT AGENT

Leo T. Clark, who EOD as a Special Agent 1-11-43, has been Senior Resident Agent since 10-24-51, and assigned to Atlantic City since 6-15-44. Clark was born 4-2-09, received a BA degree and was assigned to the Detroit and Philadelphia Offices before being transferred to Newark. During the Newark inspection in June, 1957, Inspector Shanklin described Clark as a very serious, hard-working Agent who is well-versed in Bureau policy and procedure, who is doing an above average job as a Senior Resident Agent. The Director talked to Clark on April 15, 1957, and stated he "makes an excellent personal appearance, seems to have a full grasp of the responsibilities of his office, and I would rate him above average." He was promoted to GS-13 in May, 1953.

[redacted] - ALTERNATE SENIOR
RESIDENT AGENT

[redacted] Alternate

Senior Resident Agent was born [redacted] received a BA degree and EOD as a Special Agent 1-5-48. He was first assigned to the Boston Office and transferred to Newark 9-18-48 and to Atlantic City on 11-19-51.

Inspector [redacted] described [redacted] as satisfactorily performing administrative duties in the Resident Agency and as loyal and enthusiastic type Agent with mature judgment. He has developed an approved security informant and is handling the informant in a capable manner. He was promoted to GS-13 on 7-15-56.

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EMANUEL R. JOHNSON - RESIDENT AGENT

Emanuel R. Johnson was born 12-23-14, received a BS degree and EOD as a Special Agent 1-5-42. He has served in the Oklahoma City and St. Louis Offices and the Training and Inspection Division of the Bureau, being assigned to Newark on 8-14-44. He has been in the Atlantic City RA since 10-7-52.

Inspector [redacted] described Johnson as an Agent with a pleasant personality and good contacts among law enforcement officers whose greatest value to the Bureau is in the investigative field. He was promoted to GS-13 on 2-3-52.

WILLIAM S. STRINGER - RESIDENT AGENT

William S. Stringer was born 8-2-18, graduated from Harvard College with a BA degree and EOD as a Special Agent 4-14-47, assigned to the Philadelphia Office. He was transferred to Newark on 4-1-48, and to Atlantic City 3-15-51. Stringer is described as a versatile Agent, having broad investigative experience in criminal applicant and security matters... who personally developed one security informant and is handling one other. Inspector [redacted] said he is sincere, conscientious and loyal. His offices of preference are Minneapolis, San Diego, and Honolulu. He was reallocated to GS-13 on 6-3-56.

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[redacted] - RESIDENT AGENT

[redacted] was born [redacted]
[redacted] received a BA degree and EOD as a Special Agent 9-13-54 and assigned to the Salt Lake City Office 1-8-55. He was transferred to Newark 5-8-56, and to the Atlantic City Resident Agency on 8-20-56. [redacted] is described as a very sincere, loyal, conscientious Agent with above average judgment for an Agent with his experience. He likes investigative work and knows his assignments. His attitude is excellent. He was censured 11-27-56 for failure to include complete information concerning the identification of an individual in an Internal Security case. He received letters of commendation on 11-13-56 and 12-5-56 in connection with his performance in two criminal cases. He was reallocated to GS-11 on 9-23-56.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
OF INTEREST**

John Salem-Johnstown, Pennsylvania

By letter of July 30, 1957, Mr. John P. Saylor, Member of Congress from the 22nd District of Pennsylvania, wrote the Director concerning the Director's address to the American Legion National Convention on September 19, 1957.

Congressman Saylor requested that the Director meet with one of Congressman Saylor's constituents, Mr. John Salem, for not more than ten minutes upon the Director's arrival in Atlantic City, or at his convenience.

Congressman Saylor described Salem as an Alternate Delegate from the 20th District, American Legion, which includes part of the Congressman's district and stated Salem is a feature writer for the "Johnstown Observer," one of the outstanding weekly newspapers of Pennsylvania.

By letter of August 2, 1957, the Director advised Congressman Saylor that he would be happy to see Salem but the American Legion had arranged his schedule for the brief time he would be in Atlantic City and he doubted the possibility of arranging for an appointment to see him. The Director stated that if the situation should change in any way, he would advise the Congressman.

Our files reveal that one James John Salem of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, applied for the position of Special Agent in April, 1951. He made a poor appearance, was untidy and utterly devoid of tact, poise and resourcefulness. He displayed a false sense of overconfidence and was a disgusting braggart. He spoke with smug superiority concerning his escapades with women. This applicant had a B.S. degree in education from Ohio University, and although it is not known whether he is identical with the individual mentioned in Saylor's letter, it was deemed inadvisable for the Director to meet him.

REVEREND BERNARD W. GERDON - NATIONAL CHAPLAIN
THE AMERICAN LEGION

We have had cordial relations with Reverend Gerdon who wrote the Director on March 21, 1957, enclosing a copy of the American Legion handbook entitled "Back to God." This handbook outlines the objectives of the movement launched by the Legion as a contribution to strengthening the moral and spiritual character of our country.

The Director replied to Reverend Gerdon's letter on March 27, 1957, thanking him for his thoughtfulness in sending a copy of the handbook and stating that the American Legion has long been one of the staunch defenders of the American way of life, noting that a deep-seated religious conviction is one of the very foundation stones of that way of life.

MR. JOHN J. WICKER, JR. - RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

John J. Wicker, Jr., Chairman of the Virginia War Memorial Commission, wrote the Director on March 5, 1957, stating he was delighted to learn that the Director would be the principal speaker at the National Convention of the American Legion in Atlantic City in September, 1957.

The Director replied to Wicker by letter of March 11, 1957, thanking him for his comments concerning the Director's clarification of his position regarding those who gave aid to the communist cause. The Director stated he was looking forward to addressing the American Legion in September and hoped he would see Wicker at that time. Our files reveal that we have had considerable correspondence with Wicker, who has invited the Director to speak at a number of American Legion functions.

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W. C. "Dan" Daniel
National Commander
The American Legion

Daniel, who will preside during the convention, was born May 12, 1914, at Chatham, Virginia. In 1932, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps, leaving it after two years to become a semiprofessional baseball player. In 1936, he learned he had tuberculosis and entered the Blue Ridge Sanatorium. In 1939, he obtained manual employment at the Dan River Mills, Danville, Virginia. At the time, he was elected National Commander. Daniel was a personnel executive for Dan River Mills, which is the world's largest single unit textile plant. Daniel is married [redacted]

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[redacted] Daniel has had little formal education. He joined the Navy in World War II and served only a few weeks before receiving a medical discharge. The Bureau has had very cordial relations with Daniel since his election as National Commander, and he has expressed his admiration for the Bureau and the Director on numerous occasions. Daniel paid a courtesy call on the Director in May, 1956. His picture appeared on the front of "The Investigator" for July, 1957. The Director may wish to thank Daniel for the numerous telegrams which he sent or had sent to various members of Congress supporting the Bureau's position regarding the Jencks case.

J. Addington Wagner
Past National Commander
The American Legion

Wagner was born January 22, 1914, in Battle Creek, Michigan. He received a law degree from Washington and Lee University Law School in 1937. He was admitted to the Michigan State Bar in 1937, and since then has practiced law in Battle Creek. During 1940-41, he was Assistant Attorney General for Michigan, and served as Chief Assistant City Attorney of Battle Creek, from 1946 to 1948. He was commissioned as an officer in the United States Naval Reserve, and served in the United States Navy during World War II. He has served in various offices in the American Legion. Wagner was speaker at the graduation exercises of the Fifty-seventh Session of the National Academy. Wagner met the Director on June 13, 1956, and discussed with him Wagner's scheduled appearance before the House Un-American Activities Committee in connection with the Committee's inquiry regarding the Fund for the Republic. He also met with the Director in October of 1955. Our relations with Wagner, of course, have been extremely cordial, and he has been a staunch supporter of the Director and the Bureau.

**Joseph Altman
Mayor
Atlantic City, New Jersey**

Altman, Mayor of Atlantic City, will give an address of welcome on September 17, the opening day of the convention. Altman began his political career in 1935 when the then Governor, Harold Hoffman, appointed him Prosecutor of Atlantic County, New Jersey. Altman has been involved in many cases where there was some allegation that he was closely associated with the local criminal element. No definite evidence has been obtained to substantiate this. In December, 1939, we corresponded with Altman in connection with a news item which alleged that the FBI had been slow in furnishing a reply concerning fingerprints which had been submitted by Atlantic County detectives. Altman subsequently submitted a statement to the press correcting this undue criticism. No biographical data in available references.

**Philip Bucci
Director of Public Relations
The American Legion**

Bucci is a prominent Legonnaire in Pennsylvania. On May 4, 1956, he called on Mr. DeLoach at Bureau Headquarters and invited the Director to speak before the Pennsylvania American Legion State Convention. The Director was unable to accept due to the uncertainty of his schedule. Bucci contacted the Bureau several times in 1956 in regard to a citation of merit which the Department of Pennsylvania of the American Legion awarded the Director on July 20, 1956, at its annual convention. Mr. DeLoach accepted the citation on behalf of the Director. Bucci is affiliated with the Public Relations Firm of Philip Bucci-Associates, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is an official of the United American Mechanics (UAM) and handles publicity for that organization. The UAM is a fraternal group which has on several occasions offered to present the Director with its "Outstanding Americanism" award which includes a cash award of \$5000. The Director declined to accept this award when it has been offered in the past. On May 29, 1957, Bucci called on Mr. DeLoach and advised that the UAM was desirous of making this award to the Director at the annual convention of the UAM in 1958. Bucci

was told that it was not possible for the Director to commit himself so far in advance. The Director did extend a brief note of greeting to the 1957 UAM convention on June 18. Bucci wrote to the Director on June 28, 1957, and advised that the Director will soon receive formal notice that he has been selected to receive an award in the summer of 1959.

**General Mark W. Clark
President
The Citadel Military College in South Carolina**

Clark will address National Commander Daniel's Banquet to Distinguished Guests on the evening of September 17 and will receive the American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal. Clark, a retired Army officer, was born May 1, 1896, and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1917. He was commanding general of the Fifth Army; commander of the Fifteenth Army Group; commander-in-chief of the United States Operation Forces in Austria and was United States High Commissioner. He has been President of The Citadel since 1953. Bureau files contain no derogatory information concerning Clark. By letter of July 8, 1955, the Director expressed appreciation to Clark for his remarks concerning the FBI in his Task Force Report regarding Intelligence activities. Clark's Report was critical of the CIA; however, it stated that the limited survey of the FBI showed "that the Internal Security and counter intelligence functions of the FBI are conducted in a proper manner, under excellent supervision, and with due consideration given to the needs of all Government departments and agencies." It is noted that in 1946 the Director was the recipient of the American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal which Clark will receive at the current convention. In the past, Clark has invited the Director to give commencement addresses at the school.

Morton Downey
Convention Soloist

Downey, who is a personal friend of the Director, was born in Wallingford, Connecticut, in 1901. He is President and Director of the Coca Cola Bottling Company of New Haven, Inc., and President of the Coronado Publishing Company. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Coca Cola Bottling Company, and is a Director of the Damon Runyon Memorial Cancer Fund. Bufiles reflect Downey was a friend and business associate in Mexico during the 1940's of Axel Wenner-Gren, Swedish industrialists and Internal Security-G subject. He was also associated with former New York State Senator John A. Hastings, also an Internal Security-G subject. Downey, [redacted] toured the Bureau in February, 1956.

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Reverend Bernard W. Gerdon
National Chaplain
American Legion

Reverend Gerdon, National Chaplain of the American Legion, will give the invocations at the convention. No biographical data was found in available references, and there was nothing of a derogatory nature in Bureau files. During past two years we have had cordial correspondence with Reverend Gerdon in connection with the American Legion.

Dr. Lyman V. Ginger
President
National Education Association

Ginger will extend greetings to the convention on the morning of September 17. Ginger not identifiable in available biographical data, and no identifiable references found in Bureau files.

Alfred M. Gruenther
President
American Red Cross

Gruenther, who will address the convention at noon on September 17, is a retired Army officer. Born March 3, 1899, at Platte Center, Nebraska, Gruenther was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1919 and advanced through the grades to General in 1949. From 1947 to 1949, Gruenther was Deputy Chief for Plans and Operations of the Army General Staff. He became Chief of Staff, SHAPE, in 1949. In 1953 he became Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, serving until his retirement in 1956, after which he became President of the American Red Cross. The Bureau has had cordial relations with General Gruenther, and he was invited to speak at the graduation exercises of the 60th Session of the FBI NA on November 8, 1957; however, General Gruenther asked for a "rain check" in that he will be traveling in the Far East in connection with the American Red Cross.

PAUL HARVEY

Paul Harvey was born under name of Paul Harvey Aurandt on September 4, 1918, Tulsa, Oklahoma. A prominent radio commentator, Harvey is a strong Bureau booster, and both Mr. Nichols and the Director enjoy cordial correspondence with him. During World War II, Harvey was discharged from the U. S. Army as a Private in March, 1944, because of a mental condition. On February 6, 1951, Harvey and two companions attempted to enter a restricted AEC facility in order to "test" security. Apprehended, the case was brought before a grand jury in Chicago in April, 1951, and a no bill was returned.

WILLIAM F. HAUCK

Hauck is Director of the Washington National Headquarters of the American Legion. Born on April 17, 1917, at Holgate, Ohio, Hauck has been extremely cooperative with the FBI since his appointment as an American Legion official in 1950. It is mainly through him that our liaison with the American Legion has been conducted. We investigated Hauck at the request of the Foreign Operations Administration in 1953. No derogatory information was developed, but the investigation was canceled when Hauck decided to stay with the American Legion and refuse the appointment. The Director, at Hauck's request, sent an autographed photograph to him which was personally delivered by Inspector DeLoach on February 11, 1957. Hauck was most appreciative.

HARVEY V. HIGLEY

Higley is Administrator of the Veterans Administration. Born at Cheshire Township, Cheshire, Ohio, on October 26, 1892, Higley was employed continuously from 1919 until his current appointment in 1953 with the Anasul Chemical Company, Marinette, Wisconsin. Our special inquiry investigation at the request of the White House in 1953 developed no derogatory data. He is a former Wisconsin State Commander of the American Legion. On May 3, 1957,

an autographed photograph of the Director was made available to Mr. Higley, and he expressed warm appreciation in a letter of May 10, 1957. Higley will address the Convention and extend his greetings on the morning of September 17.

LOUIS A. JOHNSON

Johnson, former Secretary of Defense, was born at Roanoke, Virginia, on January 10, 1891. He was National Commander of the American Legion in 1932-33. He is well disposed towards the Bureau, and his file is replete with cordial correspondence from the Director.

ALBERT E. McCORMICK

A manufacturing executive, McCormick was born at Boonton, New Jersey, on January 6, 1895. He is President of the American Legion National Convention Corporation of 1957 and will deliver the welcoming address to the Convention on the morning of September 17. The Director wrote McCormick a very warm letter on December 7, 1945, expressing the Bureau's appreciation for the many services he rendered the Bureau during World War II.

NORMAN S. MARSHALL

Marshall was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, on September 16, 1893. He has been with the Salvation Army since 1915 and is the newly designated National Commander of that organization. Bufiles contain no derogatory data concerning him. He will greet the Convention on the morning of September 17.

**Robert B. Meyner
Governor of New Jersey**

Born in Easton, Pennsylvania, on July 3, 1908. Received his education at Lafayette College and was a graduate of Columbia University Law School. He served in the New Jersey State Senate and has been Governor since 1953. Served in the Navy during the war. He is a Democrat.

He will give the welcoming address at 9:30 A. M. on September 17.

**Chester F. Naumowicz
Chef de Chemin de Fer
Forty and Eight**

**Naumowicz will greet the convention on September 17, 1957.
No information Bufiles. Available reference material contained no biographical data.**

**Robert William Sarnoff
President
National Broadcasting Company (NBC)**

Robert W. Sarnoff was born on July 2, 1918, in New York City. His father is Brigadier General David Sarnoff (Reserve Retired) who was a principal speaker at the 53rd Session of the National Academy on June 11, 1954. He was graduated with an A. B. degree from Harvard in June, 1939, and attended Columbia Law School, 1940-41. In February and March, 1942, the Bureau conducted a "Special Inquiry - Office of the Co-ordinator of Information" investigation concerning Sarnoff and no derogatory information was reflected. He served in the U. S. Navy from 1942-45 and at the time he left the service, he was a Lieutenant. He has served in various capacities with NBC since 1948. There has been much friendly correspondence with Sarnoff as a result of Bureau's participation in such NBC radio and television projects as the "Monitor" radio show and the television "Home" show. He will be presented an Americanism Award at 11:45 a. m. on September 17. (77-17509; 94-38139)

**Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
Auxiliary Bishop of New York**

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, born on May 8, 1895, at El Paso, Illinois, is well known as an educator, writer, lecturer, and for his radio and television program, "Life Is Worth Living." He is the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (of the Roman Catholic Church). He is widely known for conversions to Catholicism, including Claire Boothe Luce, Henry Ford II, Louis Budenz and Elizabeth Bentley. He is a strong friend and staunch supporter of the Bureau and was a principal speaker at the graduation exercises of the 51st Session of the FBI National Academy on June 12, 1953. Bishop Sheen will receive a Distinguished Service Medal at 12:45 p. m. on September 17 and he will also address the convention.

The Director was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal in 1946.
(94-4-6389)

Dr. Alfred J. Suraci

Dr. Suraci, a plastic surgeon in Washington, D. C., is a personal friend of Inspector Cartha D. DeLoach and former Inspector Lee J. Pennington. Dr. Suraci and several of his relatives have enjoyed tours of the FBI Headquarters. In 1954, Suraci was cooperative with the FBI when contacted in connection with a White House Special Inquiry investigation.⁷⁰⁴⁴⁶¹ Dr. Suraci is on Executive Committee of Providence Hospital Alumni Association and in March, 1955, through DeLoach, asked Director to speak at banquet of this association to be held in June, 1955. Due to prior commitments, the Director declined Suraci's invitation to speak at the annual banquet of the Providence Hospital Alumni Association at Washington, D. C., in June, 1955.

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Philip M. Talbott
President
United States Chamber of Commerce

Talbott formerly head of Woodward and Lothrop, Washington,
D. C. He will give greetings to the convention on September 17.

Harry N. Weeks, Jr.
Commander
American Legion
State of New Jersey

No information Bufiles. Will give an address of welcome on
September 17.

Mrs. Carl M. Zeller
National President
American Legion Auxiliary

No information Bufiles. Will extend greetings to the convention
at 11:00 A. M. on September 17.

Office Mem.

• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: September 3, 1957

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: SPECIAL MEMORANDUM
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

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Per your request, there are attached the original and two copies of a special memorandum on Atlantic City.

RECOMMENDATION: RECORDED - 40

None. For information. EX-126

Attached in file
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CRIME REPR.

September 18, 1957

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Bernard M. Shanley
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bernard:

I am transmitting herewith the draft of the remarks which I understand the National Commander of the American Legion will make later this morning. I, of course, will advise you as to whether he follows the text verbatim and furnish you with such details as necessary.

I am also enclosing a copy of the text of my American Legion speech as I will deliver it tomorrow.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,
Edgar

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NOTE: See Nichols-Tolson memo dated 9-18-57, LBN:rm.

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cc - Mr. Jones

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BY ROBERT E. TOLSON

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September 13, 1957

Right Reverend Monsignor Joseph A. McCaffrey
Church of The Holy Cross
329 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

J. A. McCaffrey

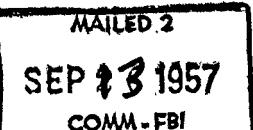
Dear Monsignor:

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I have received your kind letter of September 6, 1957,
with enclosures, and your interest in writing is certainly appreciated.

It was most thoughtful of you to forward the resolution
and letter from Mr. Henry R. Conley concerning pornographic
literature. I am happy to know of such communications which indicate
a widespread concern and interest in the problem regarding obscene
matters. Your favorable remarks on my article which appeared in a
recent issue of "This Week" magazine mean a great deal to me, and,
in response to your suggestion, I thought you might like to know that I
am carefully considering the idea of including a few observations on
this subject in my speech before The American Legion Convention at
Atlantic City on September 19.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles reflect limited cordial correspondence with McCaffrey.
It is noted that the Director's speech at the present time does include
some comments relative to the sale and distribution of indecent literature
to young people.

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
329 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 36, N.Y.

Sept. 6, 1957

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Nease
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL

Enclosed is copy of Resolution which I am assured will be presented at the American Legion Convention to be held in Atlantic City September 16th through the 20th.

Because of the convictions expressed in your splendid article published recently in the N. Y. Herald-Tribune "This Week" magazine, may I suggest that in your speech before the American Legion Convention that you incorporate a few words upon this subject, in this way alerting the American people of the dangers to American youth by the spread of pornographic literature.

Very truly yours,

J. A. McCaffrey

Rev. Joseph A. McCaffrey

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MEMORIAL FIELD

"FOR GOD

AND COUNTRY"



THE AMERICAN LEGION

WHITMAN POST 22

WHITMAN, MASSACHUSETTS

July 23, 1957

1. RESOLUTION: Regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, July 23, 1957.

Whitman Post #22 American Legion: To be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Department of the American Legion for adoption of the resolution by the National Department of the American Legion Convention, September 14, 1957, at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The Whitman Post American Legion #22 be resolved that the National Convention of the American Legion condemn the wide distribution for sale at newsstands and/or purveyors of obscene pornography and literature throughout the United States of America and be it further resolved that laws and/or codes be passed by the Congress of the United States of America to protect the general public from the distribution for sale in public and private bookstores and libraries of the said pornographic obscene books and literature throughout the nation.

2. WHEREAS:

The above resolution is recommended to protect the youth of the nation from purveyors of indecent literature and stop the immoral degradations of the youth of the nation.

That with the elimination of the said literature the youth of the nation will have healthier minds and in time of national emergency they will be of much sounder judgment to serve the nation.

3. Concluding this resolution has been endorsed by the American Legion monthly magazine and commends the Reverend Monsignor Joseph J. McCaffrey of the Holy Cross Parish, West Forty Second Street, New York City, New York and his diligent efforts to eradicate the above obscene literature in the above city of New York.

HENRY R. CONLEY

Commander, Member of the National
Law and Order Committee

American Legion

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MEETINGS SECOND AND LAST TUESDAYS
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"FOR GOD AND COUNTRY"



THE AMERICAN LEGION

WHITMAN POST 22

WHITMAN, MASSACHUSETTS

August 21, 1957

Monsignor Joseph McCaffery, Pastor
Holy Cross Church
West Forty Second Street
New York City
New York

Dear Monsignor McCaffery:

Enclosed is the resolution passed by the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Department of the American Legion, Saturday, August 20, 1957 at Boston, Massachusetts.

The resolution will be presented to the convention committee on resolutions by National Committeeman Charles Collatos of Massachusetts, a former secretary to former Governor and Attorney General Paul A. Dever, you can rest assured that this resolution will be handled judiciously.

I am happy to inform you that your views on obscene literature and pornography have prevailed and action will be taken by the national convention at Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 16th. through the 20th. 1957. I hope I can see you personally before convention time.

I might add, Monsignor McCaffery, that all this effort on our part will serve as an incentive to the legislative bodies of the State and the Congress of the United States, but someone or both of these bodies will have to put more effective laws on the statute books to completely eliminate this source of indecency.

I intend to take the Federal matter up with House Majority Leader John W. McCormack, I know he will endorse and sanction legislative action in the Congress of the United States.

Yours in Comradeship,

Henry R. Conley
HENRY R. CONLEY

Member of the National Law and Order Committee

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September 13, 1957

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PERSONAL

Mr. Robert W. Sarnoff
President
National Broadcasting Company
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Sarnoff:

It was indeed a pleasure to learn that you are to be awarded the American Legion's Americanism Award at the Legion's annual national convention next week at Atlantic City.

You may take deep pride in this recognition of the outstanding work in the educational field contributed by your network. I know that your television project entailed a great deal of hard work and preparation, and it is fitting that your efforts in this regard receive this worthy acknowledgment.

With kind personal regards,

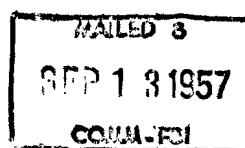
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cc - Mr. Holloman

cc - Mr. DeLoach

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NOTE: We have had previous cordial correspondence with Sarnoff. He was written in January, 1956, thanking him for cooperation received from National Broadcasting Company.

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Legion's Americanism Award to Robert Sarnoff

Robert W. Sarnoff, president of the National Broadcasting Co., will receive the American Legion's Americanism Award for his "vision and leadership in launching the NBC Educational Television Project." It was announced yesterday by W. C. Daniel, the Legion's national commander.

The award, citing Mr. Sarnoff and NBC for making learning "more attractive and available to Americans of all ages and stations," will be presented next Tuesday at the opening session of the Legion's four-day thirty-ninth annual national convention at Convention Hall, Atlantic City.

In co-operation with the Educational Television and Radio Center at Ann Arbor, Mich., NBC set up the programming and provided the technical equipment for a thirteen-week educational series last spring. The series was carried over many of the country's non-commercial educational stations which, for the first time, were interconnected for live programming on a nation-wide basis.

The Legion's award ceremony and Mr. Sarnoff's speech of acceptance will be broadcast in



Robert W. Sarnoff

part by NBC on its regular "Nightline" show on Tuesday from 9:35 to 9:50 p. m. The program will be tape-recorded earlier in the day for presentation at that time.

*Letter to Sarnoff
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